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Israeli tanks clash with Lebanese in two-hour battle

By Our Foreign Staff

An Israeli soldier was killed yesterday in a two-hour tank and artillery battle between Lebanese Army troops and the Israeli occupation force across the Israeli defence line in southern Lebanon.

The Israeli military command said two Lebanese militiamen also were killed. It was the third clash in nine days between the two armies.

Lebanese and Israeli officials each blamed the other side for starting the clash. A Lebanese Army communique said it was started by the Israelis who tried to push north of their occupation zone behind a screen of tank cannon fire. It said the Lebanese troops returned fire "with all available weapons." But military sources in Israel said the Lebanese fired first.

Major Zein Khalifa, commander of the Lebanese Army garrison in Kaoutariyet es Siyad told reporters he saw Israeli doctors evacuating two Israeli soldiers from the battleground on the outskirts of the village, 10 miles south of the port city of Sidon.

The official Lebanese account listed no casualties on its side, but reporters who visited the village shortly afterwards quoted villagers as saying five people – a Lebanese soldier and four Muslim militiamen – suffered shrapnel wounds.

In Tel Aviv an Israeli military announcement said Israeli soldiers on "routine operations" were chasing suspected guerrillas when they were fired upon by Lebanese Army troops. An Israeli soldier was killed. "Our forces returned fire," the announcement added.

No Lebanese Army casualties were reported. But Israeli military sources said two militiamen from the Shia Muslim Amal organization had been killed. Both sides said the exchange of fire lasted about two hours.

Meanwhile, further south near Tyre, an Israeli military convoy with 40 armoured vehicles entered two villages



after clashing with residents and rounded up all the men in the area for questioning, local police said.

About 60 Finnish soldiers from Unifil, the United Nations peacekeeping force, part of the contingent in charge of the area, immediately took up positions in the hills overlooking the villages of Halloussiye and Tair Filsay, nine miles east of Tyre, the Unifil spokesma said.

Residents put obstacles across the roads and burned tyres in an attempt to prevent the Israelis entering the villages, police said.

Reports from south-west Lebanon said 500 Israeli troops moved into the village of Kfar Danis, near Rashaya, yesterday, rounding up the population in the village square and making a number of arrests.

A woman was killed and four people wounded when Israeli intelligence forces and pro-Israeli militias moved into a village south-east of Tyre on Wednesday, also clashing with Unifil forces, police and Unifil spokesman said yesterday.

The Israeli and pro-Israeli forces were forced to flee on foot from the village of Yater, 12 miles south-east of Tyre, after villagers burned their vehicles.

Israeli troops arrested five journalists in the tyre region yesterday, releasing them two hours later after confiscating their film and ordering them not to return to the area.

The journalists included correspondents of Agence France-Presse and the British-based television agency Visnews. On Wedesday Israeli forces arested five journalists and held them for several hours.

The Israeli army, in a statement issued in Jerusalem, has banned journalists from Beirut from entering Israeli-controlled areas of southern Lebanon.

In New York Lebanon proposed yesterday that the UN Security Council censure Israel for recent acts by its military forces. Israeli alert, page 5

Girl shot dead as Israeli agents bungle raid on Lebanon village

From Robert Fisk
Tibnin, southern Lebanon

Pro-Israeli Lebanese militiamen were yesterday preventing civilians entering the tiny south Lebanese village of Yatar after an Israeli Shin Bet intelligence operation had gone disastrously wrong there, leaving a 16-year-old girl dead and three women wounded.

After three carloads of heavily-armed Shin Bet men and pro-Israeli gunmen became involved in a gun battle with at least one guerrilla in the village, both the Israelis and their militia allies ran away as the villagers burnt their cars.

The pro-Israeli militiamen barred all access to Yatar – in which Irish soldiers of the United Nations force have a unit of 18 men – while the Israeli Army was repeating orders that no journalists based in Lebanon would be permitted to work in their occupation zone.

But yesterday I reached a point a few hundred yards from the village. Reports form both villagers and Irish UN troops revealed that a particularly bloody incident occurred there, which may yet have serious repercussions in the area.

At around 3.30 on Wednesday afternoon, three cars – Mercedes, a Peugeot and a BMW – approached the village. The men had been cleared through UN Checkpoints by showing Israeli military identity cards. In the village, one of the gunmen with the Shin Bet unit climbed out of his car with a pistol in his hand. Witnesses said he started firing over the heads of a group of women, who became hysterical.

The villagers said two more gunmen joined the first man, and this time fired directly into the women with Kalashnikov automatic rifles – and that at this point, the Israeli plainclothes men also emerged from their cars and began firing into the growing crowd.

All the sources agree that a
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Israeli Embassy denies atrocity

The Israeli Embassy in London yesterday issued the following statement:

"*The Times* published a report today (March 7, 1985) from Robert Fisk insinuating that Israel Defence Forces had been responsible for mutilating the body of a driver of a car killed while violating curfew regulations. In fact he had refused to stop at a military checkpoint.

"The Embassy of Israel categorically denies the behaviour attributed to Israeli personnel. Such behaviour in respect of the dead is contrary to Israel's military and social norms, as well as to Jewish religious tradition. The raising of such a vicious charge is as abhorrent as the substance of the charge itself.

"The Embassy of Israel deeply deplores that the Beirut correspondent of *The Times* has, and not for the first time, presented an article replete with vicious innuendo and hearsay allegation apparently to blacken the character of the Israel Defence Forces and the state of Israel in public opinion."

● What Fisk wrote was: A taxi driver who broke the curfew – and who was travelling on his own, contrary to Israeli occupation orders – was found dead by a roadside outside the city yesterday morning. He had been shot in the side of the head, but most of his face – seen later by Western correspondents – had been cut from his body, apparently by a knife.

'Retrospective' ballot on strike

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The miners who have gone back to work after 12 months on strike without a national ballot are to have a vote after all.

But it will be on a proposal from their leaders for a 50p a week levy to set up a trust fund to pay the wages of more than 700 men dismissed for various offences during the conflict over colliery closures.

The pithead poll will take place on March 21 – 23, and the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers expects a substantial majority for its initiative, which is seen in some quarters as a retrospective test of rank-and-file opinion about the strike itself.

It will be the first time that the miners have had an opportunity to record their verdict about the issues raised by the longest industrial dispute in British history, and the first time to make their views known to the union leadership since the ballot in the spring of 1983 about pit closures which returned a three to two "no" vote on industrial action again the shutdown of unprofitable mines.

As more miners returned to work yesterday, Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, accused the National Coal Board of "arrogance and intransigence," and made clear that his union will not go back into national consultations about the future of the industry.

But he said: "If they come to us with a specific problem, then obviously that will be discussed within the review procedure

● Leaders of Nacods, the pit deputies union in the Midlands decided at a meeting in Nottingham yesterday that they will supervise miners who want to work overtime (our Nottingham correspondent writes).

Pit strike sequel, tribunal pleas, 'blacklegs' dossier', Grimethorpe legacy Page 2



The Queen Mother at The Times yesterday

Queen Mother pays a visit to The Times

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother yesterday paid a private visit to *The Times* offices in London to see the paper at work in its bicentenary year.

The Queen Mother, who will be 85 in August, was entertained to lunch in the newspaper's boardroom by Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of Times Newspapers Ltd, Mr Charles Douglas-Home, the editor, and a group of directors and members of the editorial staff. Afterwards she made a relaxed and unofficial walkabout of the newsroom, chatting to journalists busy preparing today's issue.

She spoke at length to sub-editors, reporters and secretaries, was offered and accepted an impromptu box of chocolates, and gathered up a bouquet of tulips proffered by an admirer.

The Queen Mother, who owns an extensive collection of fine and rare china, was presented by Mr Murdoch with a set of six Wedgwood plates, gold-rimmed and depicting Haydon's celebrated nineteenth-century painting, *Waiting For The Times*, the original of which she was shown hanging in the editor's office. The plates have been produced to mark the paper's bicentenary.

Rate cap accepted by Ilea

By Hugh Clayton
Local Government Correspondent

Two of the 16 Labour-led local authorities chosen for rate capping accepted the Government's orders yesterday. And a combined vote by Labour, Conservative, and SDP members of the Inner London Education Authority led to acceptance of the small cut demanded by ministers.

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, a member of the authority and leader of the Greater London Council, said during the meeting that the GLC would not fix a rate at its meeting today.

A three-hour meeting of South Yorkshire County Council voted unanimously to accept the 2 per cent rate cut demanded. Mr Thwaites, leader of the council, called it "a victroy against the Government"

Merseyside County Council also adopted a rate rise of 11 per cent, well below the maximum allowed by ministers.

Liverpool City Council, which last year refused for several months to fix a rate, voted last night not to set a rate.

Sheffield City Council voted by 59 to 26, with one abstention, not to fix a rate, and adopted a budget for the coming year of £249 million, instead of the £218 million ceiling fixed by the Government.

Pace of job losses accelerates

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

The February unemployment figures – the last to be published before the Budget – show a further steep rise in the underlying total. The number of adult jobless registered for unemployment benefit rose by 20,000, after seasonal adjustment, to 3,148,000 or exactly 13 per cent of the workforce.

This is significantly higher than in the autumn, when unemployment was rising by only a few thousand a month. Officials blame February's exceptionally severe weather, which hit the construction industry in a way not fully reflected by the normal seasonal adjustment. Evidence of this is the unusually large rise in the adjusted total for unemployment in the south east.

Unemployment, however, is still thought to be rising at a trend rate of between 10,000 and 15,000 a month.

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, said to Government policies "have increased unemployment already by 2 million".

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said that record output, a record standard of living and record investment showed that the economy was "very strong".

Kenneth Fleet, page 19

Chance to complain in Secret Service

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Disenchanted officers of the Security Service and the Secret Intelligence Sevice are expected to be given an independent complaints procedure, so that they can vent their grievances and have them fully investigated within a totally secure system.

The strongest possible all-party support is expected for an amendment on the issue when the Interception of Communications Bill is considered in the Commons.

One of the concerns raised by tonight's Channel 4 film, *MI5's Official Secrets* is that the complaints raised by Miss Cathy Massiter – the former Security Servie operative who defied the full force of the Official Secrets Act to describe the surveillance work she had done – were stifled.

In the end, after she persisted with her complaints of political pressure, she was told to see a consultant psychiatrist. She then resigned.

Miss Massiter alleges in the film that among the people and groups "deemed subversive", and therefore open to surveillance, were leading members of the National Council for Civil Liberties, including Miss Harriet Harman, the council's former legal officer and now Labour MP for Peckham; Communists or sympathizers involved in serious industrial disputes, such as the Ford pay strike in 1978; and leaders of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

It is understood that there is support for a "Massiter amendment" at senior levels on both sides of the Commons. Although the Bill is restricted to interception of telephones and mail it does creat the post of a statutory commissioner, a senior judicial watchdog, who might also be required to act as an internal Ombudsman for officers: complaints of abuse.

Lord Elton, Minister of State at the Home Office, last night cleared some of the confusion about the work of the Security Service when he said that peaceful political campaigning or union work could not constitute subversion.

In the Commons, Mrs Thatcher said: "It is vital that we do not do anything to undermine the security services, because it would undermine the freedom on which the country depends."
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Rebuff for BBC on £65 fee

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The Home Office has rejected the BBC's claim for a £65 licence fee and believes that the Peat Marwick "value for money" report on the corporation does not support the present licence application.

The size and the duration of the new licence fee has yet to be decided at a political level, but it is likely to be announced in three weeks in conjuction with the formation of an inquiry into the funding of the whole of British broadcasting.

The BBC published the Peat Marwick report on Tuesday and claimed that it supported a £65 licence fee and cleared the corporation of profligacy. But in *The Times*, the Peat Marwick partner responsible for the study, Mr John Fielden, challenged the corporation's interpretation of the report.

It is now thought that the Home Office also believes that the study, far from vindicating the corporation, contains a number of serious managerial criticisms.

Home Office officials who have studied the 30-page report, and the 200-page annex which has not been published, are believed to agree with the accountancy firm that the brief for the study meant that it had no bearing on the economics of the licence fee application.

The terms of reference, which were worded by the BBC, asked Peat Marwick to consider ways of achieving economies "while maintaining the range of existing services", a clause which effectively barred the study team from looking at manning levels and whether new technology was being used efficiently.

The BBC declined to comment on Peat Marwick's remarks yesterday, but stood by its earlier interpretation of the study.

A measure of how much the political climate appears to be moving against the corporation has come with the decision by Mr Giles Shaw, Home Office minister responsible for broadcasting, to open a conference organised by the right-wing Adam Smith Institute about the future of the BBC.

Bomb blast

A bomb blast in a Dortmund store injured nine shoppers including a child. A west German urban guerrilla group claimed responsibility

Mobil puts 5p on a gallon

Mobil announced yesterday that it would be following Esso's lead in increasing petrol prices by 5p to a typical pump price of 199.6p for a gallon of four star from midnight tonight (Robin Young writes).

While other leading companies were still taking stock last night most regarded it as inevitable that they would follow suit shortly. Mr John Hawkshaw, marketing director of BP Oil, said: "We will be considering our position and making a decision in the next few days", given the present level of the dollar and state of the petrol market, he said. Esso's increases looked "justifiable".

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Reagan defends aide's discount car purchase

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

President Reagan has said he sees nothing wrong with Mr Michael Deaver, his deputy-chief of staff, and some associates using diplomatic passports to buy nine BMW luxury cars at discount prices during a recent official visit to West Germany. He said their dial was "a standard practice that has been used for many, many years."

However, Mr Deaver's action has aised many eyebrows, not least among executives of the car company in the US. According to Mr Thomas McGurn, a spokesman for BMW, the company normally approves only 75 such discounts each year, mainly to career diplomats and international agency employees. "Very, very few discounts" had gone to Administration officials, he said.

Mr Deaver and his colleagues used their diplomatic passports to obtain discounts of around 25 per cent on cars which would normally sell in the US for around $25,000. The purchase was made when they were in Germany as part of an advance group planning the President's visit to Europe.

Mr Deaver, who is a close friend of the President's as well as being one of his most influential aides, is to leave the Administration and return to private life after the Bonn economic summit in May.

A State Department official said that reselling a car purchased with such a discount would constitute a "misuse of a diplomatic passport and would be frowned upon."

Lords may not extend TV viewing

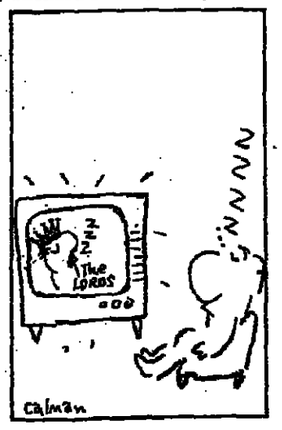
By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The House of Lords looks increasingly unlikely to renew the present six-month television experiment when it runs out in July.

There is a growing belief among peers that the Lords would wish to extend the scheme only if the Commons suddenly decides to allow the cameras into their chamber.

The doubts surrounding the future of television at Westminster come against a background of growing disillusionment among peers, especially those who originally favoured the experiment, with the coverage of their proceedings.

Apart from the initial, much publicized televised debate, featuring Lord Stockton, OM, which was broadcast live to an estimated three million viewers, the remaining coverage has been condensed into short news items.



Several peers believe "creaming off" what is considered to be news fails to do the Lords justice. They are convinced a weekly review of their proceedings, shown on Channel Four and BBC 2 at the weekend, would be informative and prove good viewing.

Although the entire House of Lords will decide on television's future, the recommendation of the select committee on televising the proceedings of the house, chaired by Lord Aberdare, after it has reviewed the experiment, will be crucial.

Some of the committee members, it was authoritatively stated yesterday, are already swinging behind the view that television should resume in the Lords at the same time as it starts in the Commons, which could be several years off.

One senior peer said: "Until the Commons accept it, I do not think we shall hear any more about it. The experiment will have served its usefulness but I do not think the House would want to go on with it by itself."

Teachers' pay to be docked in 20 areas for no-cover action

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Twenty education authorities have already decided to deduct money from teachers refusing to cover for absent colleagues as part of their industrial action in support of this year's pay claim.

This is considered highly significant by some employers' authorities because it goes half way to establishing that duties which teachers had up until now considered voluntary are in fact part of their contracts.

Among authorities already deducting money are Barnet, Barnsley, Birmingham, Doncaster, Solihull, Wigan, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Humberside. Many more councils are expected to join in.

Last year only a few authorities deducted money from teachers taking no-cover action. "There has never been anything *on this scale in the past*", according to Mr Ivor Widdison of the Council for Local Education Authorities.

He will be informing Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, of those developments. The National Union of Teachers, the biggest teachers' union, whose members are withdrawing from so-called voluntary duties throughout England and Wales, says it will refund its members for the money docked.

At this stage, however, the union is not resorting to legal action against the councils on the grounds that this would divert public attention from the campaign for a flat-rate increase of £1,200.

Employers' leaders informed Sir Keith at a meeting this week that the strikes by teachers were having patchy effects, particularly in the shire counties. Schools in some urban areas were worse hit.

Mrs Nicki Harrison, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' education committee, told Sir Keith that it was "hell" in Haringey, north London. Last week one quarter of Haringey's schools closed for three days.

Meanwhile, the exhange of letters between teachers' leaders and the employers reached a new level of acrimony yesterday when Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT and leader of the teachers' panel in the Burnham negotiating committee, accused the employers in a third letter of cementing bitterness in teaching profession.

It followed a long letter from Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary to the management panel, who refused to answer Mr Jarvis's seven questions about a proposed conciliator.

16-plus technical courses

By Mark Jackson of the Times Educational Supplement

A new form of O and A levels, which replaces the traditional examinations by a mixture of written and practical tests and assessments, is to be pioneered in Welsh schools.

It is intended to encourage bright pupils to take practical and technical courses instead of sticking to narrow academic studies.

Although Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has been pressing for practical elements to be included in the 16-plus examinations due to replace O level and the Certificate of Secondary Education in three years, the new approach goes much further.

The whole syllabus will be built around practical work in such fields as information technology, business studies, tourism and television production.

Austin Rover sales rise in falling market

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

New-car sales in the first two months of the year were down 3 per cent compared with a year earlier, but in an industry of rapidly changing fortunes, Austin Rover has emerged as the latest star with an 8 per cent growth in volume sales in the two months.

BL, Ford and Vauxhall are operating incentive schemes for their dealers and it will continue to have a significant impact on market shares until the spring.

In February, the Metro was the best-selling car although in the two months, the Vauxhall Cavalier was in front, closely followed by the Ford Escort. The success of the Metro, however, helped Austin Rover to boost its market share in February to 18.3 per cent from a year earlier. The Montego and Maestro models, however, continued to languish at the bottom of the top ten list.

Ford, the market leaders, boosted its market share in February to 28.03 per cent against 26.2 per cent last year, while Vauxhall/Opel dropped to 19.95 per cent from 22.62 per cent.

The importers' share, including cars made by Ford, General Motors and Talbot in their European factories, was down to 56.27 per cent, a fall of more than 1 per cent. The Japanese share slipped to 6.2 per cent, compared with nearly 9 per cent a year ago.

The total market for the first *two months was 315,181* compared with 325,672 for the same period last year.

Top ten

February "top ten" sellers: 1 Austin/MG Metro 13,599; 2 Ford Escort 13,473; 3 Vauxhall Cavalier 12,286; 4 Ford Fiesta 12,220; 5 Vauxhall Nova 10,202; 6 Ford Sierra 9,513; 7 Ford Orion 6,458; 8 Vauxhall Astra 6,178; 9 Austin/MG Montego 5,992; 10 Austin/MG Maestro 3,537.
Source: Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.



Sir Walter Marshall, CEGB chairman, with the board's inquiry paperwork (Photograph: John Voos)

Three main topics in Sizewell inquiry

By Richard Dowden

The arguments about Sizewell B, Britain's proposed first pressurized water nuclear reactor, which have filled 340 days of the longest running inquiry ever, centre on three topics: cost, safety and environmental impact.

Cost: The Central Electricity Generating Board has argued the need to build the American-designed PWR at Sizewell on the Suffolk coast to provide 1,100 megawatts by 1994.

It cites the need for securing options on fuel supplies, and says that the PWR, at a capital cost of £1.2 billion, would save fossil fuel resources and allow older, less economic plant to be retired. It would save the consumer £1.25 billion during its 35-year life, the board says.

Economic arguments against the PWR are that there will not be a need in the 1990s for the capacity the board seeks. There is 30 per cent to 40 per cent excess capacity at present and the board's past predictions of demand have not been fulfilled.

Opponents argue that the fall in the value of the pound has made British coal more competitive and that the board's predictions of oil and coal prices cannot be relied on. Some say that the use of tidal, wind and wave power would be cheaper in the long run.

The South of Scotland Electricity Board added a twist to the debate by demonstrating the effectiveness of the Advanced Gas Cooled Reactor (AGR). It is considered safer than the PWR *because it has no hot* water under pressure

Safety: It was a PWR which leaked in 1979 at Three Mile Island in the United States with nearly catastrophic results and most of the inquiry's time has been taken up with questions of safety.

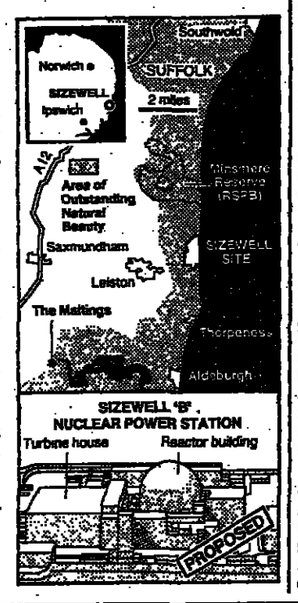
The CEGB argues that the PWR to be built at Sizewell is radically different from the one on Three Mile Island and that it has been adapted to British safety standards.

Friends of the Earth, who led the argument against the PWR, are not satisfied with the guarantees of safety, saying that the "phase change" involved – the use of water under pressure at very high temperatures – could lead to dangerous leaks of steam. If anything does go wrong there are only seconds to act. The horrific results of a cloud of radioactive gas escaping have been described many times.

Environment: At one level *this argument is about whether* the coastline, designated "heritage coast", would be spoiled by the construction of another power station next to Sizewell A.

The environment argument is also about the long-term disposal of nuclear waste.

Environmental groups say that the proposed methods of nuclear waste disposal all contain potential flaws and the prospect of nuclear waste being left is unacceptable.



Archbishop defends Ethiopia comparison

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, responded yesterday to sharp criticism of his address in St Paul's Cathedral, in which he had linked suffering in Ethiopia with suffering in Britain's inner city areas. The criticism came *mainly from national newspapers*, with support from some Conservative MPs.

Clearly taken aback by the reaction to what was not intended to be a controversial sermon, Dr Runcie explained on Radio 4 that he had given three examples of what he called "darkness", the Ethiopian famine, the situation in Northern Ireland, and the conditions of life in some inner urban areas. His theme, he said, was "how Christians can bring light into darkness." But the inner city situation was vey different from the Ethiopian famine.

The service in St Paul's was to mark the jubilee of the King George V Trust. This was doing "marvellous work" in inner city areas, which was why he brought that into his sermon. The archbishop said he had had lunch with the Prime Minister immediately after the service.

In his sermon he had referred to the Ethiopian famine, quoting the recent best-selling pop record *Band Aid:* "There's a world outside your window which is a world of dread and fear."

He went on: "We don't have to look as far as Ethiopia to find the darkness of death, disease, *and disaster. It is here on our* doorstep. In Britain, especially in our inner cities, relentless hardship, high unemployment and squalid housing give rise to neglect and the stresses and strains which explode in bitterness, violence, and crime.

One Conservative MP who criticized the sermon was Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP for Selly Oak, who said he sounded like a Labour parliamentary candidate seeking re-election."

Pit strike sequel: Tribunal pleas: 'Blacklegs dossier': Grimethorpe's legacy: Backroom boys

Industrial tribunal is sent 130 cases of 'unfair dismissal'

SCOTLAND

By Ronald Faux

The cases of 130 miners dismissed in Scotland during the strike have been sent by the National Union of Mineworkers to the industrial tribunal in Glasgow.

They will be presented as cases of unfair dismissal, and copies of the circumstances sent to Acas, the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, to decide whether settlement is possible by arbitration.

The tribunal has the authority to order the re-engagement of an employee judged to have been unfairly dismissed, and to award compensation. Both sides have the right to appeal on a point of law to the employment appeal tribunal, and, beyond that, to the Court of Session and the House of Lords. The tribunal may also dismiss the case.

There is increasing pressure on the National Coal Board to disclose full details of the dismissals. Mr Gordon Brown, Labour MP fo Dunfermline East, has tabled a question to Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, asking him to give all the offences for which the men have been dismissed, how many were first offenders, how many year's service they had given to the industry, and what their redundancy payments would have been if they had opted to leave.

"I have looked at about half the cases in this area and most are of a minor nature, breach of the peace or obstruction. These carry fines rather than imprisonment. Some men who were dismissed had been only admonished by the court, another man was asked to do community service. Many of the fines suggest that the offences were not serious," he said yesterday.

The all-party select committee on employment is to ask the coal board and the Department of Employment to explain their policy on dismissal, and what criteria are used. They are seeking written evidence from the board

Yesterday, the Scottish area of the coal board again refused to give details of the 180 dismissals in Scotland.

A spokesman said that 1,500 had been arrested, 900 had come before the courts, but only 180 dismissed.

The board admitted that a small number who had been dismissed might not have actually appeared in court, but been dismissed on evidence brought before the management. "It was made perfectly clear early on in the strike what the position would be," the spokesmen said.

Damage may mean moves

WALES

More than 1,400 South Wales miners face reallocation to other pits because of the damage caused to their two collieries during the course of the miners' strike (Tim Jones writes).

Savage geological conditions has meant the loss of the only two working coal faces at the Bedwas colliery in Mid Glamorgan and it will be at least nine months before any coal can be won from the mine. And at St John's colliery, near Maestog, which was already threatened with closure, two of the three faces have been permanently abandoned because of irreparable damage caused by immense uncontained pressures.

Union leaders and coal board management are to discuss the situation in the knowledge that in the case of St John's in particular, the prospect of new investment to retrieve the situation is remote.

At Garw colliery yesterday, the lodge instructed 240 miners to continue the strike after they had been sent home on Wednesday for refusing to handle equipment supplied by firms blacked by the union.

£40m spent on policing worst area

COUNTING COSTS

By a Staff Reporter

The pit villages in South Yorkshire experienced some of the most violent confrontations during the strike. The cost of policing the dispute in the region has been more that £40 million.

At one time, during the National Union of Mineworkers' attempt to close the Orgreave coking depot near Sheffield last summer, men from 15 forces were drafted in to provide support for South Yorkshire's 2,800 officers. *On* one day more than 4,000 police were marshalled against pickets.

Policing costs detailed in a report compiled by the South Yorkshire Police Authority discloses that overtime payments to its own officers, after 44 weeks of the dispute, had cost £1,753,000.

The cost of assistance from outside forces had reached almost £15 million.

The support units, made up of South Yorkshire officers and those seconded from outside forces via the national reporting centre at Scotland Yard, *had, by the middle of January*, spent a total of 12,500 man-days in the coalfield.

Of the total £40 million in costs by January, the county council had incurred a bill of £26 million made up of overtime salary costs and payments to other authorities.

The total additional expenditure was then calculated at almost £20 million which, after allowing for the standard Home Office grant of 50 per cent, plus the special payment to meet the strike costs, left an extra £1,055,000 for the council to pay.

In West Yorkshire the bill at the year end was put at £5 million.



Unhappy lot: A weary police officer at Gascoigne Wood

Union threat to rebel hauliers

LORRY DOSSIER

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

The Transport and General Workers' Union has asked its local officials to compile dossiers on haulage companies which crossed picket lines during the miners' strike to establish how many of its members defied union policy of backing the dispute.

Once the union knows the names of members who took part in strike breaking convoys regional officials will decide whether they should be disciplined either through fines or expulsion from the union.

Leaders of the country's biggest union, who have been stung by criticism by some left wing groups that they paid "lip service" in their support for the strike, also disclosed yesterday that they had channelled several million pounds to the National Union of Mineworkers to keep it in business.

Mr Moss Evans, the transport union general secretary, refused to give details of the union's financial help for the miners

Mr Evans said his union's 250,000 members in road haulage accounted for only 20 per cent of the industry's workforce.

Chiefs gather loyal officer corps

BEHIND THE SCENES

By Rupert Morris

One of the few things that Mr Arthur Scargill and Mr Ian MacGregor have in common is that both, when they arrived in their respective jobs, were acutely distrustful of the administrative hierarchy they inherited.

Accordingly, neither was afraid to put a few previously prominent noses out of joint in the process of gathering together their own loyal and reliable *officer corps.*

Their approach differed in that whereas Mr Scargill has remained both the visible head and the dominant personality, Mr MacGregor has increasingly moved into the background: no stooge certainly, but clearly influenced not only by government ministers but also by two enigmatic back-room boys, Mr David Hart and Mr Tim Bell.

Mr Hart is a flamboyant character, a former property speculator who went spectacularly bankrupt in 1975, was discharged in 1979, and is now once more rich and successful, a property dealer, author, filmmaker, photographer, musician and, for some time has contributed advice on economic and social affairs to Downing Street.

He became rapidly involved in the miners' strike, making his views known among Downing Street advisers writing an occasional column in *The Times*, and acting as an unofficial adviser to Mr MacGregor, with whom he has a long-standing friendship.

Mr Hart's father, a financier, knew Mr MacGregor, and his brother Tim worked for MacGregor at Lehmann Brothers, the New York merchant bank.

Although one of his functions appears to be as a conduit between Downing Street and Hobart House, the coal board headquarters, he played an influential part in the progress of the National Working Miners' Committee.

Mr Hart himself is unwilling to discuss his role beyond saying that he acted "for love of country". Hobart House staff testify to the high regard in which he is held by Mr MacGregor, and it is said that on the occasion of the televised debate between Mr MacGregor and Mr Scargill, Mr Hart was in the studio waving prompt cards from the wings.

Mr MacGregor has received more conventional advice from Mr Tim Bell, formerly of Saatchi and Saatchi

In the National Union of Mineworkers' camp, by contrast, it is hard to say who influences Mr Scargill, whose dominance as union president was reinforced by the move of headquarters from London to Sheffield.

His two strongest personal influences are probably his wife Ann, a forceful and committed socialist whose role in the Miners' Wives Support Group brought her out of the backroom and into the limelight, and Mr Jim Parker, his former coalface colleague and latterly driver and bodyguard.

It was he who was bruised by the tin of eatfood thrown at his boss by a retired teacher in Sunderland in October, but in spite of being ever-present among the Scargill media circus, he had proved as informative as the proverbial clam.

A more visible supporter, whose loyalty has been similarly unquestioning, is Mr Maurice Jones, the editor of *The Miner*, the union newspaper which has *faithfully reflected its leader's* view. Mr Jones's role as propaganda chief has been important, but hardly crucial.

As far as the day-to-day running of the union's affairs are concerned, Mr Scargill's closest lieutenants are Mr Michael Clapham, the union's head of industrial relations, Miss Nell Myers, daughter of an American dockers' leader, who doubles as his personal assistant and press secretary, and, until recently, Miss Peggy Kahn, a Marxist academic from the University of California.

The bitter legacy of resentment in Grimethorpe

THE ALIENATED COMMUNITY

From Peter Davenport
Grimethorpe

It is an unlovely place with an unlovely name. Litter tumbles along the gutters, the shop windows are protected at night behind wooden boarding and small packs of dogs roam even along the unkempt main street, nosing in and out of dusty doorways.

The pit dominates its life, the power station cooling tower its skyline and the very air around the neighbouring Coalite plant is acrid and sharp in the throat. At a recent meeting of the county council, a councillor said he was sorry for the people who had to live there.

On top of all this the village of Grimethorpe, near Barnsley in the heart of the Yorkshire coalfield, now has to cope with the legacy of a bitter and divisive strike which left in its wake a pool of resentment against authority, a worrying residue of violence and, above all, an increased sense of alienation from life outside its own narrow boundaries.

In the long struggle that now lies ahead to restore pit communities to a normal life, the problems of Grimethorpe are a microcosm of the difficulties that are present throughout the coalfields.

But Grimethorpe has been spared much of the antagonism found in other villages where miners broke the strike. About 800 or the 2,000 NUM workforce at the local colliery live in the village and they remained solid throughout the dispute. The 40 or so men who did return, lived outside it.

Three miners living in Grimethorpe but working at other pits, broke the strike and have been shunned by neighbours and friends.

Local police face the task of re-establishing relations with a community whose views on law and order have been coloured by 12 months of picket line confrontation.

During the strike, the police house in Grimethorpe, at the rear of the Red Rum public house, was stoned by a mob, *after 20 people had* been arrested for helping themselves to coal from the local stockyard. Police officers, including a woman sergeant, were attacked. Grimethorpe became front page news.

With the end of the strike, community policing, which fell into abeyance because of demands on manpower, has begun again.

PC Allen Myers, aged 39, a former paratrooper, has been assigned to Grimethorpe, where he and his family will live.

"There is resentment towards the police that is a hangover from the strike. We have gone down in their estimation and it's up to us to get it back up again," he said.

Already PC Myers has found a willingness among older people to accept local policemen back among them.

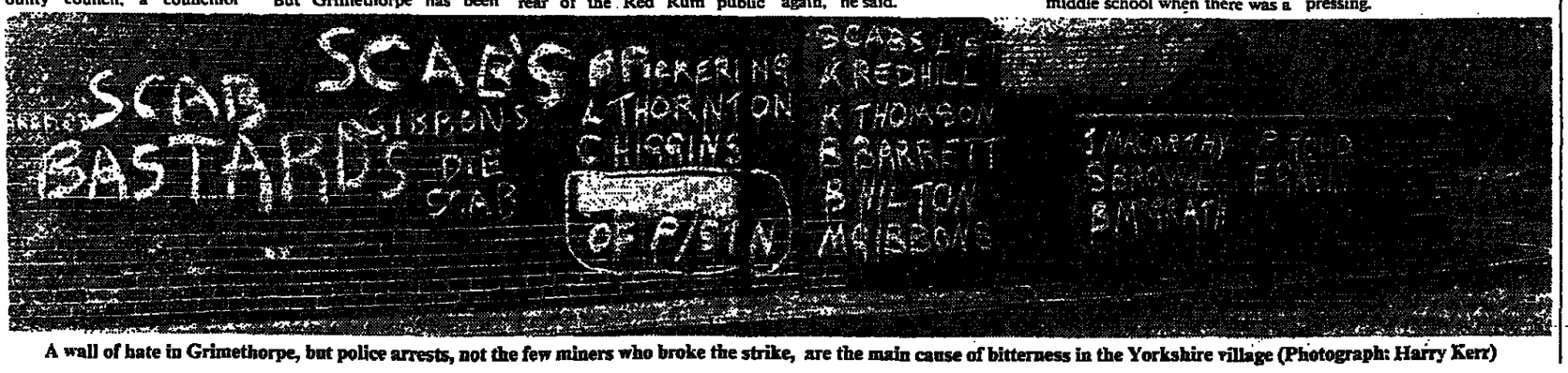
"It is not a question of whether things can get back to normal. They have to. We can't have such things as no-go areas in this country. Whatever the rights and wrongs of the dispute, you have to respect what the men have been through.

One worrying legacy of the strike is the lasting effect on children of seeing violence on the streets.

The local mayor, Labour councillor Norman Whittaker, a striking miner at the local colliery, said: "I was at a meeting of governors of a local middle school when there was a disco in one of the classrooms of children from the school. Some other children, aged between 11 and 12 years, were turned away and they began stoning the headmaster.

"When the police arrived they stoned the police cars and began chanting "here we go, here we go". They had picked it up from television and the papers."

In some ways the strike has only served to heighten the north-south divide, and the belief that large stretches of the industrial heart of Britain are to be condemned to a second-class life of unfulfilled aspirations in an environment that not even the most starry-eyed could describe as anything but depressing.



A wall of hate in Grimethorpe, but police arrests, not the few miners who broke the strike, are the main cause of bitterness in the Yorkshire village (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Nuclear power 'kept the lights on' during strike

CEGB VIEW

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The Central Electricity Generating Board yesterday admitted that without its nuclear power stations, the "lights would have gone out" during the strike.

Sir Walter Marshall, CEGB chariman, paid trubute to power station staff who for a year, juggled output from coal-fired stations where stocks were running out, oil-fired stations were expensive oil was being delivered, and the nuclear stations.

"Mr Scargill has done more than anyone, to show the strength of our case for more nuclear stations," he said, in *Suffolk* yesterday where he was attending the final day of the inquiry into the proposed pressurized water reactor (PWR) nuclear power station at Sizewell.

Correction

A miner who worked at the Merthyr *Vale* colliery during the strike has not been moved from the coalface after talks with the union as stated in some editions yesterday

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

Father murdered Down's baby in spite of mother's protest, jury told

By Tony Samstag

The day before the parents of Down's syndrome baby Louise Brown, reported her missing, her father killed her in spite of the mother's hysterical protest and buried the body near Brighton beach, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The body has not been found, Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution said. "Nobody knows where Louise lies except the four people in the dock," he told the jury, when he opened the case against Paul Brown, the father, Susan Pullen, the woman he was living with, and Mr Brown's brother, Ian, and his wife, Brenda.

Mr Amlot said that Paul Brown, aged 30, a roofing contractor, of Tierney Road, Streatham, South London, killed the child when she was 14 days old after a drinking session and while Miss Pullen was desperately trying to save her child.

The couple made up a story "that the child had been stolen with their car parked outside a newsagent's shop in Battersea.

Paul –brown denies murder, and, with the other three, has pleaded not guilty to conspiring to pervert justice by making false statements to conceal the death.

Ian Brown, aged 33, a builder, of Streatham Common North, denies impeding his brother's prosecution knowing that he had carried out the murder or another offence.

Mr Amlot said it had been obvious from birth, in St Thomas's Hospital on May 13, that Louise Brown was a Down's syndrome baby. "Everybody is sorry for the parents of such a baby", he said. "But many parents nevertheless enjoyed "long and loving relationships" with handicapped children and there was "no justification in law or humanity for depriving such a child of life."

Miss Pullen, aged 30, had, in fact, showed every sign of being "a loving and caring mother" to the child. In hospital terms, she had "bonded well." But the father had been unable to accept the situation.

A police operation to find the girl had started on Monday, May 28, when the parents reported Mr Brown's "A" registration Ford Fiesta had been stolen, with the baby in the back seat, from a sub-post office and newsagent in Battersea Park Road. The car was recovered in Chelsea later that day, but without the child.

The Crown contends that late on the night of Saturday, May 26, or early on the Sunday morning, after drinking, Paul Brown returned to the flat he shared with Miss Pullen, and killed their daughter. Neighbours reported a woman's voice, shouting, screaming and crying, "followed by loud sobbing" for some minutes, about 1.30 am. "This was the moment the baby was killed by Paul Brown," Mr Amlot said.

Neighbours later heard a doorbell ring and heard footsteps to Mr Brown's first floor flat. The couple had not previously been known to be loud or quarrelsome, and both denied the incident ever took place, he added.

There was no suggestion that the child's mother had played any part in the baby's death, and any crime she may have committed later had been to protect Mr Paul Brown.

The baby was last seen alive by independent persons when Miss Pullen visited her parents and took the baby with her.

In a statement to police, Mr Paul Brown described the Bank holiday weekend as quiet, Mr Amcot said. On Saturday he had spent the evening at home with the family; on Sunday the family had driven to Brighton, where it was raining, had eaten sandwiches in the car and had been home by 6.30 pm. On Monday they had been to Battersea Park to feed the ducks

On Tuesday, using a different name but Mr Ian Brown's address and car registration, the four accused booked into the Sackville Hotel in Hove, near Brighton, where a receptionist would later recognize Paul Brown from newspaper photographs.

The two men arrived first, at about 5 pm; the receptionist said they were dirty and their faces and hands were covered with "a brown-black oily substance".

No one in the hotel had seen a baby, Mr Amlot said. In subsequent identity parades the receptionist picked out Mr Paul Brown, his brother, Ian and sister-in-law, Brenda. When interviewed by police, Mr Paul Brown and Miss Pullen denied that they had stayed at the hotel and insisted that they had returned to Streatham about 6.30 pm.

"Sunday was the day the baby's body was concealed somewhere", Mr Amlot said.



Maggot, a mongrel and its owner, Mr David Eyre, aged 25, of Clapham, south London, who together confronted and held a youth after he stole a woman's handbag. Mr Eyre received a £50 cheque from the High Sheriff of London yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Judge expresses 'society's horror'

IRA bombers get 35 years each

Two members of the IRA unit which murdered three people during a bombing campaign in London in the autumn of 1981 were each jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for a recommended minimum of 35 years.

Thomas Quigley and Paul Kavanagh, both aged 29 and from Belfast, were told by Mr Justice McCowan that they had shown "not a spark of compassion" for the victims of their wave of bomb attacks.

"You cannot then be surprised if society feels you are not people who are fit to be at liberty for a very long time to come."

He said it was his duty to express society's horror at the nature of the murders the two had committed by making recommendation on the minimum period they should serve.

The jury convicted Quigley and Kavanagh of the murders of Mrs Norah Field, a widow aged 59, and Mr John Breslin, aged 18, who died when a bomb blasted six-inch nails into Ebury Bridge Road, near Chelsea Barracks, on October 10, 1981.

The bomb, triggered by a 300-ft wire, was intended for men of the Irish Guards returning by coach from the Tower of London.

The two were also convicted of murdering the explosives expert Mr Kenneth Howorth, who was blown up by a booby-trapped bomb in a Wimpy Bar in Oxford Street on October 26, 1981, as he attempted to defuse the device.

Quigley, of Glenalena Road, Belfast, and Kavanagh, of Crocus Street, Belfast, were found guilty of planting a bomb at Debenhams in Oxford Street on October 26.

The bomb was defused by Mr Peter Gurney, another explosives officer, who had seen Mr Howarth's body a short time before.

Quigley and Kavanagh were also convicted of causing the explosion which blew in the walls of the home of Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, at Woodhayes Road, Wimbledon, south-west London, on November 13, 1981.

The two were found guilty of possession, with intent to endanger life, of a big IRA arms and explosives cache found by accident in woodland at Pangbourne, near Reading, two years after the bomb attacks.

Kavanagh was further convicted of possessing, with intent to endanger life, two more hoards of IRA terrorist materials found in January last year at Salcey Forest, Northamptonshire, and Annesley Forest, Nottinghamshire, after an undercover police operation.

The judge sentenced Quigley and Kavanagh to five life terms for the three murders, planting the device at Debenhams, and the attack on the Attorney-General's home. He sentenced them to 20 years each for possessing the Pangbourne cache. Kavanagh was also sentenced to a further 25 years for possession of the Salcey Forest and Annesley Forest hoards. The judge directed that the sentences run concurrently.

Natalino Vella, aged 31, a fish and chip merchant from Tallagh, near Dublin, was jailed for a total of 15 years after pleading guilty to two charges of possessing the explosives and firearms in the caches at Salcey Forest and Annesley Forest.

Mr Justice McCowan told him that he accepted he was "not in the same league" as the other two men. "That you were candid with the police and pleaded guilty to the charges, I take in your favour".

The jury's verdicts came after a retirement which began at 11am on Monday. The guilty verdicts on Kavanagh, which were delivered on Wednesday, were unanimous. The guilty verdicts on Quigley, which were returned yesterday, were by an 11 to 1 majority.

Decision to dump body 'led pilot to deception'

Mr Peter Hogg, an airline pilot, doomed himself to a life of deception when he dumped the body of his wife in Wastwater, England's deepest lake, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

It was a hasty, wrong decision which was to haunt him for the next seven years, Mr Patrick Back, QC, for the defence, told the jury.

The jury will retire to consider its verdict this morning. Mr Hogg, aged 57, of Cranleigh, Surrey, has denied murdering his wife, Margaret, in October 1976. He admits obstructing the Surrey coroner, and perjury in relation to divorce proceedings.

The Common Sergeant of London, Judge Thomas Pigot, told the jurors that if they decided there was provocation, against a background of infidelity, they could find Mr Hogg not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter.

He told the jury it had to decide precisely how Mrs Hogg met her death. Here husband covered up for seven years, telling people she had left him when infact she was dead. Was the cover up, to protect the interests of his sons or to avoid his own detection in a very serious offence?

Earlier, in his closing speech, Mr Back said that Mr Hogg had strangled his wife in a sudden violent quarrel over her lover. There was no suggestion it was premeditated.

"It was a conflagration of emotionalism, it was just relief of feelings by two people in battle, hopelessly and emotionally at odds with one another".

Instead of going to the police and putting himself at the mercy of the courts, he trussed up her body and disposed of it, he said.

"It was a hopelessly wrong decision, but one you might expect from him. He is a pilot, a man who always has to be prepared to make a decision, in moments of crisis, with speed", Mr Back said.

He did so because he feared he might face a long prison sentence for what he had done, and would not be able to look after his two young sons.

"That is the terrible irony and tragedy of this case. A wrong decision too quickly taken, and once taken it was a conveyor belt movement in one direction".

Mr Hogg had suffered "enormous provocation", Mr Back said. His wife had lost all moral sense and loyalty to her husband, and he did his utmost to sustain the marriage.

Minister says C5 is safer than cycles

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Sinclair C5, the electric tricycle, was yesterday given a vote of confidence by Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Minister of Transport, and by two retailers appointed to sell the vehicle.

The minister, in the first published assessment of the vehicle, claimed that the C5 had safety advantages over the conventional bicyle.

In a letter to Mr James Tinn, the Labour MP for Redcar, the minister wrote that the C5 was more stable. The rider cannot fall off it, is has a good lighting system and the brakes are effective in dry and wet weather. Although it is lower than an ordinary bicycle, the bodywork is white and can be clearly seen. For these ranges we do not expect the Sinclair C5 will have an accident record dissimilar to that of pedal cycles generally".

The Transport and Road Research Laboratory is to study the C5's safety features.

Meanwhile the retailers in the new Sinclair high street chain for selling the C5 to the public direct have been receiving their initial supplies in the last week. Wigfalls, Vallances and Supreme Stores will join with Comet to form the backbone of a chain of 400 stores.

According to Wigfalls the Yorkshire-based retail group, it is too early to say how many of the vehicles have been sold since they went on the high street about a week ago.

Poet's memorial refused site on hillside

Mr Jake Harvey winning sculpture in an international competition to honour the poet Hugh MacDiarmid in his birthplace Langholm, has been rejected by the Dumfries and Galloway Regional Planning Committee, a Member of which described it as "a hideous thing" (Ronald Faux writs).

The Committee refused permission for the sculpture, a book-shaped structure measuring 11 ft by 15 ft, embedded in concrete, to be set permanently on a hillside overlooking Langholm.

Mr Robert Robinson's dislike was condemned by Mr Timothy Neat, former chairman of the Scottish Sculpture Trust, who thought the judgement another example of the Scots spitting in the faces of their own great men and that it was a national disgrace.

Heart surgery unit still under threat

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The heart surgery unit at Guy's Hospital in south London may close for up to four months next year in spite of a £272,000 gift by a millionaire benefactor, Mr John James, the Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority said yesterday.

The money is to be put into a trust fund to allow operations at the teaching hospital to continue, but the hospital will still have to de with the £272,000 overspending that has accumulated during the past two years, and the unit could be in financial trouble again by the end of next year.

The gift was welcomed as "very good news" by a health authority spokesman.

"Those patients on the waiting list whose operations would have been postponed should now get them. But it does not necessarily mean the proposed closure will be avoided. We cannot use the money to write off the overspending, and that money still has to be saved", he said.

The unit might still have to shut down for up to four months.

Mr Alan Yates, director of cardio-thoracic surgery at Guys who said that the planned closure would mean postponement of more than 100 operations with the waiting list already over 100 rising by the same amount again.

"It is humiliating that charity should be necessary."

He wanted the money put into a trust fund so that costs of each life saved could be monitored in spite of the hospital claiming that his unit was £272,000 overspent. Mr Yates said it was unable to provide him with a detailed, itemized budget. Now it would have to do so to account for money from the fund, he believed.

Mr James, who has given millions over the years to various causes, including £300,000 to help launch the heart transplant programme, said he had given the money after Mr Yates told him five patients on the waiting list died.

Household trooper fined £100

Julian Yeates, aged 21, a trooper with the Household Cavalry, was fined a total of £100, with £750 compensation, at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court yesterday, after a fellow soldier's £1,500 ceremonial State helmet was stolen and sold for £80. The compensation was ordered to be paid to the Ministry of Defence for the helmet, which has not been recovered.

Yeates, a soldier for five years, based at Knightsbridge barracks, appeared with Jeffrey McGoldrick, aged 22, a former trooper in the Household Cavalry, of Jameson Street, Salford, Manchester. McGoldrick admitted stealing the helmet during a burglary at another trooper's room at the barracks on February 2. Yeates admitted dishonestly handling it, and sealing two helmet resettes and a chin strap, which McGoldrick admitted dishonestly receiving.

Ridley defends bus free-for-all

The Government would not tone down its proposals for free competition in the bus industry, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport has said. In a letter published yesterday, to Sir John Wells, Conservative MP for Maidstone, he said that the alternative of franchising routes would exploit the passenger, and protect the operator by conferring monopoly power. It would put the pattern and level of local bus services in the hands of planners, and cause passengers on remunerative routes to subsidize loss-making services, he said.

Two accused

Police Constable Stephen Curran, aged 23, living at Bow Steet, London, and Robert Ward, aged 33, a manager, of Elmore Street, Islington, London, who are charged with conspiring to commit armed robbery were committed by magistrates at Harrow, London, yesterday for trail at the Central Criminal Court.

They are accused of conspiring between August 28 and September 4 last year. Bail was allowed. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Residents' challenge on deformed babies

By Patricia Clough

The number of deformed babies known to have been born around Bonnybridge, central Scotland, where inhabitants fear dioxin poisoning, has risen to 16, a residents' association said yesterday.

The disclosure came only three weeks after an independent inquiry set up by the Scottish Office spoke of seven babies born with abnormalities in the area. It found no unusual health problems among inhabitants but it recommeded further investigation of eye defects which affected six of the babies. The seventh had duodenal atresia, a congenital blockage in the intestines.

The inquiry, headed by Professor John Lenihan, a former professor of clinical physics at Glasgow, found no link with the Re-Chem chemical processing plant near by which inhabitants accuse of polluting the area with toxic dioxin and similar substances.

Mrs Pat Beatty, community secretary for the Denny and Dunipace area and a member of the residents' pressure group, said she had collected evidence of six other children aged two or under in the area with congenital abnormalities. Three had duodenal atresia, two had thalidomide-type deformities in the fingers or arms and one had a damged brain.

She had also learned indirectly of three other cases of duodenal atresia but the parents were unwilling to come forward, she said.

Euro plan to standardize telecom net

By Our Technology Correspondent

The Government and main telephone and television companies in Britain are to take part in a multimillion pound project aimed at standardizing telecommunications in Europe. Cheaper telephone calls and inter-European television might be the result.

The project is to be formally proposed and discussed by the EEC in Brussels next Wednesday. If approved the first step would be a £40 million, year-long project to give the ten member states some means of co-ordinating their programmes and ensuring that the different national networks are easily compatible.

Trial delayed after doctors' advice

A woman accused of wasting police time by claiming she was raped in a police cell was taken from court yesterday, on the advice of doctors.

Jacqueline Berkeley, aged 21, of Haydn Avenue, Moss Side, Manchester, had given evidence in chief at her trial at Manchester stipendary Magistrates, Court her answers were barely audible and she cradled her head in her arms and appeared to be half asleep.

Mr John Bailey, for the prosecution and started to cross-exaine when Mr Glymore Jones, the stipendiary magistrate, halted the trial and instructed that Misss Berkeley should be medically examined.

Dr Mary Gibbs told Mr Jones later: "I do not think she is physically or psychologically fit to continue to give evidence."

Miss Berkeley denies wasting polie time and assaulting three officers and damaging police property.

The trial continued with other defence witnesses being called. Miss Gerrilyn Smith, a psycholist, said the reason for Miss Berkeley's inability to speak was "entirely psychological".

Miss Smith said that most women who have suffered rape have to wait some time before they feel able to talk

A internal police inquiry was carried out the allegation by Miss Berkeley. It cleared two police officers she said had raped her two policewomen said to have held her down.

The trial continues today.

Private Eye loses appeal against publication ban

By Rupert Morris

The Court of Appeal yesterday dismissed an appeal by *Private Eye*, against Wednesday's High Court injunction restraining publication of this week's issue because it contained defamatory remarks about Mr Cecil Parkinson, the former Conservative cabinet minister, and Mrs Angela Mathew, his secretary at the House of Commons.

Lord Justice Ackner said that the magazine was not now suggesting there had been any "illicit sexual relationship", and accepted that it had defamed them.

Lord Campbell, QC, for the magazine, argued that in the light of recent publicity over Mr Parkinson's affair with Miss Sarah Keays, his former secretary, he would be likely to receive only minimal damages if he won the libel suit he is bringing against *Private Eye*. But Lord Justice Ackner did not accept that this was "a sensible conjecture".



Mrs Angela Mathew: remarks withdrawn.

Committee recommends speed-up of house-selling methods

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The time it takes to buy or sell a house could be reduced from an average of eight weeks to three weeks if methods to simplify and speed up the transaction were adopted, the government-appointed conveyancing committee concludes in its report published yesterday.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Professor Julian Farrand, recommends that house vendors should always carry out searches and inquiries at the time they put their property on the market so as to reduce pre-contract delays. Prospective purchasers should obtain "certificates of mortgageability" in advance of house-hunting to overcome present delays

Professor Farrand said yesterday that by such means the time taken from the moment a property was put on the market to completion could be reduced to three weeks, and that most of the recommendations were changes in professional practice, which needed no legislation.

He said that the measures would not necessarily reduce the costs of conveyancing, but increased competition and the promise of further competition have already had a signigicant effect on solicitors' fees.

Professor Farrand, whose committee began considering ways of opening up conveyancing to non-solicitors in February last year, said that in less than one year, solicitors' fees for conveyancing had been reduced by about 30 per cent.

He added that the cost of moving house could be reduced substantially "at a stroke" by the Government if stamp duty was reduced or abolished.

The report has been submitted to the Lord Chancellor for consideration, and it exhorts all those concerned with conveyancing to take the results of the committee's deliberations "as a call not to prayer, but to arms".

Its main recommendation is that a conveyancing standing committee be established, under the auspices of the Law Commission, to consider suggestions for conveyancing law reform and to scrutinize and rule on all aspects of conveyancing practice.

The committee also recommends that conveyancers and estate agents should work together and form "property centres" for one-stop conveyancing.

The Second Report of the Conveyancing Committee: **Conveyancing Simpilifications. (Stationery Office, £8.60.).**

War pension is paid 68 years after wounds

A war disablement pension has been awarded to an old Scottish soldier whose war wounds started to give trouble 68 years after he received them. Private Robert Hodge, now aged 91, of Pencaitland, East Lothian, served in France with The Royal Scots Greys cavalry regiment during the First World War.

He was wounded by shrapnel during a heavy German attack at Cambrai, injured in the leg by a grenade at Ypres and shot in the face on the Somme. He was sent home in 1917 but last year some of his old injuries were becoming troublesome. The Royal British Legion in Edinburgh took up his case with the Department of Health and Social Security. Mr Hodge, a sprightly veteran, told them: "Better make it quick, I can't hang around for ever."

The 20 per cent disablement pension of £11.68 was paid backdated to July 1984.

More aid for victims of crime is under way

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Moves to provide more aid for victims of crime and to ensure that adequate compensation is paid by criminals are being made by the Government.

Revised guidelines are being drawn up for criminal courts to use in assessing compensation for personal injuries.

The Government admitted yesterday in a White Paper that changes introduced in the Criminal Justice Act 1982, which clarified and strengthened the compensation powers of the criminal courts, appeared to have no significant impact, accordint to the latest figures.

The new guidelines are being prepared by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. They are intended to enable the courts to make fuller use of their wider powers, the Government says in its response to the Commons home affairs select committee's report on compensation and support for victims of crime.

There are plans for police to give to all victims who suffered personal injury, loss or damage a standard application form for compensation by the offender.

An inter-departmental committee is examining ways of ensuring that offenders who have the means pay appropriate compensation in personal injury cases where the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board makes an award.

Local authority associations, the British Gas Corporation and the Electricity Council are being invited to consider the possibility of block insurance arrangements to cover household contents

Compensation and Support for Victims of Crime: The Government reply to the first report from the Home Affairs Select Committee. Session 1984-85 (HC43, Cmnd 4957, Stationery Office, £1.30).

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Fowler acts to stop commercial surrogacy

SOCIAL POLICY

A Bill to prevent commercial surrogate mother agencies operating *in the United Kingdom is to be* introduced in the Commons shortly. Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, said in a statement to the Commons.

He was cheered when he said that the Government believed commercial surrogacy was in principle undesirable. The Bill would prohibit commercial agencies from recruiting women as surrogate mothers and from making surrogacy arrangements. It would also prohibit advertising of their services.

Mr Fowler said that the question of surrogacy raised wide issues, not just of general principle but also about, for example, the legal status of children and the involvment of professional people in facilitating surrogacy arrangements.

We have concluded (he said) that it would be right to deal with these questions in the comprehensive legislation which is needed to deal with the whole range of issues by the Warnock report.

Nevertheless, it is clear that the existing position is unsatisfactory. The case of Baby Cotton demonstrated the difficulties which commercial surrogacy arrangements can cause and the widespread public concern about them.

There are almost certainly other similar cases in prospect and there is an incentive for commercial agencies to increase their activities before any general legislation can be brought forward.

The objectives of the Bill would not be to resolve all the issues in surrogacy.

It will, however, (he said) give rapid effect to the widespread view that is not an area where commercial agencies should operate and will avoid a possible increase in the number of surrogacy arrangements procured by them. Action of this kind is justified and urgent.

Ms Jo Richardson, Opposition spokeswoman on women's rights, said the Opposition welcomed Mr Fowler's intention to introduce a Bill to outlaw the profit making element of surrogate parenthood. They were strongly opposed to commercial agencies making money out of people's miseries.

No-one wants to see women exploited (she said). The genuine desires of infertile parents to have a child must be carefully thought out.

Mr Fowler: My concern is to move quickly in an area where there is most concern. Warnock's unanimous recommendation was to ban commercial surrogate agencies. This has been supported by virtually all of the organizations who have commented on the Warnock report.

Clearly this does not invalidate the case for a more comprehensive Bill. Equally we should act quickly and ban this particular abuse, and we should act now.

Mr Roger Sims (Chistlehurst, C): The original case which drew public attention to this matter involved an American lady. How extensive will be the legislation Mr Fowler is proposing?

Mr Fowler: It will essentially affect arrangements in this country – agencies and advertising in this country. Clearly we have been influenced by the Baby Cotton case and some of the cases in the United States – for example, where a handicapped child was born as a result of one of these arrangements and then rejected by the commissioning parents.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): Does Mr Fowler believe that a contract for a surrogate mother to hand over a baby at birth can be legally enforced? If it cannot, does he feel this issue can really await the second Bill?

Mr Fowler: A contract is unenforceable. It would be wise, I am afraid, for the House to look at all these issues about the legal status of the child, which is totally unsatisfactory at the moment. That will have to be dealt with in the general legislation.

Mrs Ann MacCurley (West Renfrew and Inverclyde, C): Will Mr Fowler cast a sympathetic eye on those who are at present in the same tangle as the Baby Cotton parents were and issue guidelines to those who are responsible for the safe keeping of these children when they are born, which will inevitably happen before legislation.

Mr Fowler: She is right, there is nothing we can do in this legislation which affects children who are to be *born in the next two of three* months. I will see if there is any further guidance we can issue.

Mr Fowler assured MPs the Bill would apply to Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Sir Hugh Rossi (Hornsey and Wood Green, C): Would not making all surrogacy, whether commercial or non-commercial, illegal avoid a great many future and sociological problems?

Mr Fowler: *That option is still open.*

He said later that he hoped to be in a position to introduce the Bill before Easter.



Richardson: Profit must be outlawed

Biffen resists Labour demands to delay phone tapping Bill

SECURITY

The interception of Communications Bill – the Bill lost on Wednesday because of Tuesday's prolonged Commons sitting – has been set down for second reading next Tuesday, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, announced in the Commons.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, asked for a further postponement of consideration of the Bill until "proper answers" had been given to the serious allegations made in the Channel 4 television programme. Because of the very narrow remit, he said the report by Lord Bridge was merely a clumsy attempt to dodge the issues of real concern. As long as the Government took this attitude the more people would think it had something to hide.

Mr John Biffen, refusing a further postponement, said the Bill was published on February 14. It was a matter of genuine concern that Parliament should be able to debate it and proceed with the legislation.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C): In view of the unhealthy interest in some sections of the press, particularly *The Guardian* and *The Observer*, about security matters – *and nobody else is* interested in the subject at all – will he arrange for the House to go into secret session when we debate the Bill?

Mr Biffen: He makes an interesting point but it is sufficiently sweeping to make me in danger of seeming like a moderate.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): In view of Lord Bridge's quite farcical report, what we require before second reading of the *telephone tapping Bill is a proper report dealing with the harassment* suffered by trade unionists and peace campaigners at the hands of the security services and Special Branch.

Why was the ex-editor of the CND journal questioned closely by the police about leading personalities within CND, their private lives and the leadership style of the general secretary? Does this not have more in common with Russia and Czecholsovakia than a democracy?

Mr Biffen: I cannot go beyond the answer I gave Mr Kinnock. I will draw his remarks to the attention of the Home Secretary.

● All governments had been governed by the same practices and had discharged their responsibility for the intelligence and security services carefully. Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during questions on the Bridge report on telephone tapping.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party had said: As she accepts that she has a duty to maintain public confidence in the security services, surely she accepts that there is something lacking in a report which does not address itself to complaints about surveillance not authorized by ministers, blanket surveillance under a single ministerial warrant, or widespread interception of transatlantic calls not subject to ministerial warrant. These areas need to be addressed.

Mrs Thatcher: Sometimes, when we were in opposition, I supported the then Home Secretary, and he will know the occasions, because I accepted the practices and traditions which governed this service.

It is vital that we do not do anything to undermine the security services

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) said many felt the principal findings of the Bridge Report left too many questions unanswered. Had the Prime Minister seen the television film, MI5's Official Secrets which contained allegations about these matters by Ms Massiter and others? Or could she see it today or possibly on Channel 4 tomorrow?

Mrs Thatcher: Responsibility for the intelligence services has been discharged in the same way by all governments, including the one he supported in office. It has been recognized by all governments that what they can say about it in the House is very limited. I quote from the last Labour Prime Minister (Mr James Callaghan): "I shall adhere to the normal practice of not commenting on security matters."

I got Lord Bridge in to make certain that there had been no unauthorized interception from the procedure adopted by ministers. He discharged fully that responsibility.



Stokes: House should have secret session.

Domestic ratepayers get more relief

SCOTLAND

Increases in rate bills emerging in Scotland were in general so steep, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, told the Commons that he felt he must take further action to protect domestic ratepayers.

He announced in a statement on *revaluation and the rate support* grant, that he had decided to increase the total aggregate Exchequer grant and within it the domestic element of rate support grant by £38.5m making it possible to increase domestic rate relief to 8p per pound of rateable value.

In considering the rate support grant settlement for 1985-86, he said he had had very much in mind the special issues which revaluation raised. The necessary order would be laid shortly.

It is however now becoming very clear (he said) that authorities are not heeding my repeated warnings to contain their expenditure. Spending in both 1984-85 and 1985-86 will continue to be above the Government's plans. I will, of course, be closely examining the budgets of all authorities to see if any are planning expenditure of a level which would make it necessary for me to take selective action to reduce their rates.

I would also remind all authorities that the penalties for overspending *in 1985-86 will be* much more severe than in 1984-85.

The increase in domestic rates will in total now be reduced from 22 per cent to about 17 per cent. The increases for individual ratepayers will in many cases be higher, and in many cases lower, than this figure, depending on the level of spending in their local authorities and changes in the pattern of valuation.

It is of course open to ratepayers to appeal against their valuation and we have made improvements in appeal procedures in the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 1984.

The cost of increasing domestic rate relief in this way will be financed by adjustments within my existing policies and expenditure programmes.

As I have said, the object of revaluation is to apportion the rate burden fairly. This means that some pay a larger share and some a smaller share. That is justifiable, but it is necessary to have regard to the effect on domestic ratepayers in current circumstances. This I have done with a substantial increase in domestic rate relief.

Mr James Craigen, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said Mr Younger must think Scottish ratepayers were daft if they were going to be taken in by this chickenfeed of an increase in domestic relief when he had already cut ack substantially in the form of rate support grant settlement for 1985-86.

Mr Younger said later that the Government was involved in a study to see what further improvements could be made in the rating system.

It is the Government alone (he went on) that has stood out with the determination to see that the effects on the domestic ratepayer are not too severe.

Procedural error corrected

Because of a procedural error, the Prosecution of Offences Bill, which had already been read the third time and passed, had to be returned to the House of Lords and its passing vacated in order to rectify the mistake.

Lord Elton, Minister of State Home Office, explained that on February 28, when the Bill received a third reading and was passed, the usual privilege amendment was omitted. Such an amendment was necessary because of the financial implications of the Bill.

The purpose of this vacation (he said) is to enable the error to be amended by including the privilege amendment.

After the privilege amendment was inserted and passed, the Bill was once more passed.

Next week's business

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Debate on Opposition motion on unemployment and industrial policies.

Tuesday: Interception of Communications Bill, second reading. Motion on wheel clamps.

Wednesday: Motion on Local Government (Prescribed Expenditure) (Amendment) Order.

Thursday: Debate on industrial support. Debate on Falkland Islands.

Friday: Private Member's motion on the economic, housing and social situation in the West Midlands.

The main business in the House of Lords will be: **Monday:** Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order. Debate on EEC common fisheries policy.

Tuesday: National Heritage (Scotland) Bill, report. Representation of the People Bill, second reading.

Wednesday: Debate on relations with the Soviet Union.

Thursday: Administration of Justice Bill, report.

Statement on miners sought

Several Labour MPs raised the issue of *the reinstatement of sacked* miners. During business questions to Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) called for a statement of Government policy.

Hundreds of miners are still awaiting court appearances (he said) many for minor misdemeanours, and the coal board is refusing to allow them to start work. Why is this discrimination taking place? Hundreds have had their cases dismissed but the coal board is acting in this vindictive way.

Mr Biffen: I am sure he would join me in welcoming the massive return to work.

Mr Mark Fisher (Stoke-on-Trent Central, Lab) said the western area director of the NCB had said no miners he had sacked would get their jobs back, including four Stoke-on-Trent miners who were sacked before they came to court and then neither the NCB nor the Police offered any evidence against them. The cases were dismissed and yet these four men remain sacked.

First objective to secure delay

There are about half a dozen fervent opponents, and perhaps another 50 Conservative MPs who feel sufficiently strongly to mount a rearguard campaign. But even with the backing of a number of members from other parties there are not enough votes to defeat the Bill outright in the Commons, at this stage.

So the first objective of the resistance movement was delay. Another filibuster the week before had forced the Government to adjourn the report stage of the Bill. Because so many parliamentary battles are fought over the use of time, this was a significant tactical victory.

This success whetted the appetite of the rebels, who thought they might be able to achieve the same thing again this week. That was probably still the principal thought in their minds while Mr Lawrence was speaking from 5am to 9.30am on Wednesday. If they had been able to continue blocking progress they might have hoped that the Government would withdraw the Bill for this session, rather than allow the parliamentary timetable to be messed around too much.

But once it was clear that the Government was not prepared to give way again, that it was even glad to have an excuse to postpone the phone-tapping debate, there was another purpose in maintaining a filibuster. This was to send a message to the Lords that the opposition in the Commons is sufficiently strong to justify resistance in the Upper House.

It is the interplay between the two Houses that is particularly interesting in parliamentary terms. The greater independence of the Lords is now appreciated by MPs. But the recognize that while the Upper House is much more prepared than in the past to frustrate the Government's wishes, it is sensitive to constitutional proprieties.

Lords influenced by opposing views

It is believed to be unwilling to throw out a manifesto commitment of any government, and it is thought to be influenced by the degree of opposition to a measure that has been expressed in the Commons. The stronger it has been, the more likely it is that the Lords will give the Commons the chance to think again.

So even when the opponents of a Bill cannot win in the Commons, it is still worth their while mustering a significant rebellion, in the hope of influencing the Lords. We shall see this consideration very much in evidence when the Local Government Bill comes to its report stage in the Commons.

The fluoridation Bill comes into rather a different category as it is not a manifesto commitment, and opinons on it cut right across party boundaries. It even managed to split the Scottish National Party neatly in half, with Mr Gordon Wilson voting for it and Mr Donald Stewart against.

It has secured comfortable majorities at each of the critical stages in the Commons. But after the sound and fury there, the Lords can now feel free to judge the Bill entirely on the merits of the case, without concern for political side effects.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

One would have needed remarkable powers of foresight to predict that the longest continuous speech in the House of Commons this century would be on the Water (Fluoridation) Bill. But what was the purpose of it all?

I am not asking about the objectives of the legislation, and why it has aroused such passionate opposition. But what did Mr Ivan Lawrence hope to achieve by speaking for four hours 23 minutes, and why was this astonishing filibuster continued so long that Wednesday's normal business had to be postponed?

"I wanted the argument against fluoridation of water to go on the record". Mr Lawrence explained blandly. "It just happens to be a rather long argument". Yes indeed, but fortunately Mr Lawrence is able on other occasions to present his case a little more succinctly. The operation was clearly part of a parliamentary manoeuvre. What was it?

This is not a Bill to which the usual parliamentary rules apply. It is a government measure, and the payroll vote, those who hold any kind of office, is being mobilized in its support. But otherwise there is a free vote, and most of the opposition comes from Conservative members.

Look at insurance that covers ransom

KIDNAPPING

Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, indicated in the Commons that the Government was considering the position of City of London insurance companies which were offering policies to cover the payment of ransom to kidnappers.

He was replying to Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP) who contended that terrorist activities, and international terrorist activities, were being financed by insurance companies in the City, providing policies for the payment of ransom for kidnap. This was a positive encouragement to kidnapping, he said.

Would the Secretary of State confirm that a leading insurance company had already admitted to paying such a ransom? Why had the Government refused to make such activities illegal?

Mr Hurd said the Government was aware that such policies did exist and had existed for some time. He had heard arguments against and in favour of allowing such policies to continue. That is (he said) one of the matters we are now considering.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): The overwhelming majority of people, albeit some reluctantly, accept it would be unreasonable for us to ask security forces when confronted by armed men who are bent on violence, to wait until their lives are at risk and are fired on before they defend themselves.

Mr Hurd: These are judgements that have to be made on the spur of the moment, and difficult judgements they have to be.

Mr James Molyneaux (Lagan Valley, OUP): In addition to countering the IRA's shoot-to-kill campaign against Roman Catholics, will Mr Hurd do all in his power to reduce the flow of explosives across the United Kingdom and Irish Republic frontier?

Mr Hurd: This is an important point much in my mind. It was a homemade device that did the damage in Newry.

Mr William Benyon (Milton Keynes, C): Ordinary people cannot understand why the security forces cannot open fire on those carrying weapons. Has not the time come for the yellow card to be reviewed?

Mr Hurd: I do not believe myself on the evidence available that the existing rule acts as an inhibition on the legitimate right of the security forces to protect themselves.

BR urged to win back traffic

The hope that British Rail workers would make it top priority to get back freight, and passenger traffic, too, was expressed by Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, during Commons questions.

Mr David Maclean (Penrith and the Border, C) had asked if Mrs Thatcher had seen reports that British Rail unions were seeking pay rises of over 30 per cent.

In recent months (he continued) *the prehistoric leadership of these* unions has deliberately sabotaged the freight network to the tune of over £200 million.

There should be no pay rises for British Rail staff this year until we see productivity gains of a similar amount.

Mrs Thatcher also said she was afraid BR had lost a lot of income because of their approach to not carrying enough coal or because there had not been enough coal to carry during the strike.

IRA funds deposited in banks

TERRORISM

The Government was looking urgently at its existing powers to see if they needed to be enforced in relation to money suspected of being deposited by terrorists, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said

Mr Harold McCusker (Upper Bann, OUP) called for legislation to require banks, on ministerial instructions, to deposit with the High Court moneys suspected either of belonging to illegal organizations or of being destined for use in furtherance of terrorist activities, such moneys to remain on deposit for a specified period during which the custodian of the funds may seek to prove that they were for lawful purposes.

Mr Hurd said: We are examinging our existing powers.

Mr McCusker: The Government of the Irish Republic is to be commened for the speed and determination with which they tackled the suggestion that large sums of money were being deposited in their bank for use by terrorists.

If he is not yet in a position to do the same in Northern Ireland, nevertheless detailed scrutiny of the finance of Provisional Sinn Fein might yield very interesting results.

Where does the organization find the money to run a full-time office full of sophisticated equipment which is used to spread propaganda through the world? Where do they get tens of thousands of pounds to light the elections they have over the past few years?

Mr Hurd: I entirely agree with him. I agree with his comments on the actio of the Irish Government and agree with him that one of the areas a robust security policy has to concentrate on is precisely the source of funds for the Provisional IRA.

We all know of the money they receive from the United States, and the Prime Minister has taken vigorous action about that, but there *is also the money they derive from* all kinds of fraud and rackets throughout the island of Ireland and the RUC is now spending more time and effort on precisely this area

Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C): Unless he comes up with some better idea as a result of his review, will he start with the basic proposition he should at least match the anti-terrorist activities taken by the Irish Republic to get to the funds of these terrible people?

Mr Hurd: We have the powers on the Statute Book now. They are comparable to those which existed before in Ireland: the Prevention of Terrorism Act; the Emergency Provisions Act; and the Theft Act. These powers exist already and are formidable taken together. We are now looking urgently to see if they need to be enforced.

Honda inspection plant going to Swindon

INDUSTRY

Details of future plans for the proposed joint Honda – British Leyland plant at Swindon were given to the House of Lords by *Lord Lucas of Chilworth*, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, during question time.

Lord Bruce-Gardyne (C), a former Treasury minister, raised the subject when he asked the minister to confirm that Honda had not asked for any grant in respect of this operation and if they did ask for one they would not get it?

Lord Lucas of Chilworth: I can confirm that Honda have not asked the Goverment for a grant.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab): The negotiations have been between Honda and British Leyland direct and concern the possible future development of 367 acres in Swindon with the possible development of joint manufacturing capacity in terms of engines and also the possible future assembly of cars.

Lord Lucas of Chilworth: This gives me the opportunity to say that the land at Swindon is to be used for buildings that will enable pre-delivery inspection of a Cowley-produced Honda version of the XX car, pre-delivery inspection of cars currently being carried out at Sheerness and the possible sub-assembly of certain components of the XX car.

The collaborative arrangements between British Leyland and Honda are confidential between the two companies but inso-far-as the Government has an interest in BL, we welcome that collaboration.

Lord Bruce-Gardyne: The real issue is the question of taxpayer support for such an operation. Would he confirm that since Swindon is not a development area there would be no question of selective assistance being given over and above £5 million without the Government first seeking approval from both Houses of Parliament?

Lord Lucas of Chilworth: It would be wrong for the Government to dictate to any company whether foreign or domestic based, where they shall expand. Honda has chosen an operation based on Swindon. There has been no question of a grant or assistance and if this does arise the Government will take into account all matters that would concern the issue.

Arts Council head says critics' views are provincial

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Sir William Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Arts Council, has criticized sections of the artistic community for seeming trapped in a dated and provincial set of attitudes.

He refers to their "post-Fabian *Guardian* consciousness of genteel and academic English collectivism" in an article in this week's *Economist*.

In his first lengthy reply to attacks on the council's funding policies, Sir William gives a warning that the arts cannot be safe if the artistic community continues to assume that it can rely on increasing subsidies.

"I am shocked by the number of performing companies who congratulate themselves on having built their taxpayers' subsidy levels to more than half their total revenue. Any company so placed is dependent on the future of central government financial policy, over which it has no control, over which the Arts Council has no control, to a dangerous degree."

Sir William writes that whenever he sees Sir Peter Hall, the director of the National Theatre who has been in the forefront of the campaign against the Arts Council, he thinks of Cardinal Wolsey: "O how wretched is that poor man that hangs on princes' favours."

He continues: "Arts Council subsidies are princes' favours, *and the prince is not myself*, nor Lord Gowrie . . . nor even the Prime Minister, but the will of the electorate.

"I am myself on the side of the National Theatre, but no more strongly than I would have been on the side of Glastonbury Abbey."

Later in the article, part of a lecture to be delivered on Monday, Sir William adds: "I sympathize with the National Theatre, housed in that great concrete dreadnought on the South Bank . . . but I sympathize a lot more with the Everyman Theatre in Liverpool, on the edge of the worst area of social suffering and deprivation in England.

The National Theatre gets £6.7 million from the Arts Council; the Everyman, even after development, will get less than £250,000."

The great drawback to subsidy, he writes, is that it can weaken the sinews of self-help and create dependence, leading to demands for higher subsidy.

But Sir William is the subject of a personal attack by the writer, Michael Holroyd, a former vice-chairman of the Arts Council's literature department, in *The Times Literary Supplement* this week.

Mr Holroyd writes of Sir William that he is a "strange phenomenon" to see at the head of the Arts Council. "He is a magnificently plausible man whose after-dinner statements are a part of our performing arts. But on paper these statements lose something of *their impressiveness, gaining in* banality and a rather subtle lack of content.

"It says something about the structure of English institutions that such a man should occupy such a position. He has presided over an arts organization that has lost the confidence and trust of the writing community.

"Many of us who tried to work within the offices at 105 Piccadilly [the Arts Council] now feel like standing outside and throwing stones at its windows.



Mons Meg back at Tower

Mons Meg, Edinburgh Castle's huge siege cannon, returned to the Tower of London yesterday for the second time in its 536-year life, escorted by two pipers from the Guards Depot Piping School.

The cannon, one of Scotland's national treasures, will remain at the Tower for four days so that the Armouries of the Tower of London can carry out research into the construction of early iron guns.

The cannon has undergone thorough X-ray examination at the Royal Armourment Research and Development Establishment, in Kent.

(Photograph: Chris Harris).

Bill to ban GLC ready for Lords

By George Clark

oca ernment Bill to abolish the Greater London Council and six metropolitan county councils, completed its Commons committee stage last night, after 35 sittings and 192 hours examination.

The Bill is unchanged apart from a few minor government drafting amendments. The two Tory rebels on the committee, Mr Patrick Ground, MP for Feltham and Heston, and Mr Edward Leigh, MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle, failed to carry, with Labour, SDP, and Liberal support, an amendment which would have preserved a directly-elected body to carry out strategic functions for Greater London.

The Government still faces the possibility of defeat in the House of Lords after Easter, but Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Local Government, was confident yesterday that the Bill will get through.

Preparations to set up new authorities to take over functions *from the GLC and county* councils by April 1, 1986, are not going well. The GLC, the Labour-controlled London boroughs, and some metropolitan county authorities, are refusing to accept the Bill as a *fait accompli*, and have not collaborated with the Government.

Mr Baker, in a statement to the committee yesterday, said that many authorities were already at work preparing for the changeover. "They, realistically, expect abolition to happen. Others, with their heads in the sand, are still failing to face the facts and get on with the preparations," he said.

He said that by the time the Bill went to the Lords it would have had more than 200 hours of debate in the Commons,

Diplomat is remanded in heroin case

Zambian diplomat was emanded custod esterda when appeared at bridge court charged by customs officers in connection with the seizure of two kilogrammes of heroin.

Godfrey Lubinga, aged 27, of South Acre, Colindale, north London, is Third Secretary at the Zambian embassy.

Mr Lubinga is charged with smuggling heroin valued at £230,000 on February 21.

Earlier this week, the customs investigation had been halted because Mr Lubinga had diplomatic immunity. But the Zambian President, Mr Kenneth Kaunda, waived the envoy's protection

C5 drink-drive case adjourned

Nicholas Botting, an art student, aged 21, pleaded not guilty at Bow Street magistrates Court, London, yesterday to riding a Sinclair C5 tricycle while unfit through drink.

Mr Botting, of Hillside Avenue, Canterbury, Kent, was stopped in Whitehall after attending a St Valentine's Eve ball last month. The case was adjourned until April 10.

Protesters delay hospital closure

About fifty women protesters trying to save the south London Hospital for Women and Children from closure won a 10-day reprieve from eviction from a High Court judge

The Secretary of State for Social Services was given possession orders for the hospital at Clapham Common. But the court said they were not to be enforced before March 17.

Sailors end sit-in after jail warning

Six Yugoslav sailors have agreed to leave their ship after a High Court judge said yesterday that they would be imprisoned if they failed to comply.

The six were already in defiance of a writ issued on March 1, ordering them off the Freightline One, which they had occupied for five months. Mr Justice Sheen said that if the seamen had not been foreign nationals unfamiliar with English law, they would already be in prison.

Mr Vicent Wicks, the Admiral-

action to have the sailors removed, and have already offered the men their air fares and £500 each as an advance on wages.

Five of the men plan to accept the offer, and then return to England to fight a court battle for their wage claims.

The sixth, Mr Avdovic Omer, the boatswain, has refused to return to Yugoslavia, and will stay in England until all his claims for more than £12,000 in back pay are settled.

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

Four cities come under fire as Iraq and Iran bombard civilian targets

Bahrain (Reuter) – Cities in Iran and Iraq came under attack yesteday as the two countries stepped up a wave of artillery and missile attacks on civilian targets.

Ignoring international appeals for restraint, Iraq hit Dezful in south-west Iran with missiles and Iran said it shelled the border town of Mandali in north-east Iraq.

Artillery also pounded the Iraqi post of Basra and Iran's devastated refinery city of Abadan, on opposite sides of the Shatt al-Arab waterway at the head of the Gulf.



The exchanges, which began on Monday, left in tatters a nine-month-old agreement between two sides to halt attacks on civilian targets. The United Nations-sponsored accord last June came only after weeks of missile, artillery and air strikes on towns both sides of the border which left hundreds of civilians dead.

Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, joined in a call for restraint by the Security Council's president, Mr Blaise Rabetafika of Madagascar, and the UN Gulf war mediator, Mr Olof Palme of Sweden, said the pact had saved thousands of civilian lives.

Iran said at least five people were killed and more than 70 were wounded, many of them hospital patients, in the missile attack on Dezful. It also reported three dead in the shelling of Abadan.

Mr Tod Robberson, of Reuter, reported from Basra that shells were falling at the rate of two a minute in a bombardment which began around mid-afternoon. More that 60 hit the city in an earlier attack just after dawn. Officials in Basra said there had been casualties in the shelling.

The Iraq authorities imposed a round-the-clock curfew in Basra, a city of a million people, and its streets were deserted apart from military and civil defence teams.

Iran first shelled Basra on Tuesday night, in what it said was retaliation for Iraqi strikes on a steel plant at Ahvez and an uncompleted nuclear plant at Bushehr, which killed 11 people.

The Speaker of Iran's Majlis [Parliament], Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hasemi Rafsanjani, said yesterday that retaliation was the only way to stop the Iraqi attacks. "It seems we have no alternative but to retaliate as powerfully as we can", he told the Majlis.

A military spokesman in Baghdad said Iraq had the greater firepower and warned the Iranian people to press their leaders to stop attacking Iraqi cities, "or they will suffer more".

Iraq, which earlier warned Iran it would launch retaliatory strikes on 30 Iranian towns and cities, had so far restricted its attacks to the two Iranian cities "out of mercy towards the people of Iran," a military spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Iraq announced that its warplanes yesterday attacked a "large naval target" near Iran's Kharg island oil terminal in the Gulf.

A military spokesman described the attack as "effective and accurate". All the Iraqi aircraft returned to base, he added.

Iraq has in the past used the term "large naval target" to describe merchant vessels and sometimes oil tankers.

There was no immediate independent confirmation. Iraq has claimed 36 attacks on Gulf shipping this year.

Shipping sources in other Gulf countries have attributed nine hits this year to the Iraqis.

Israelis put on alert for Syrian assault

From Christopher Walker
Jabal Barouk, Lebanon

Israel's forces in eastern Lebanon have been placed on special alert to guard against surprise attack by the 40,000 Syrian troops and their 800 tanks based inside the country during the second – and strategically most dangerous – stage of withdrawal to the border.

The latest part of the three-stage pullback has begun, with dozens of heavily-laden Israeli trucks rumbling south as building and fortifications are dismantled at a speed which reflects the troops' enthusiasm to end the occupation as soon as possible.

One deserted hut about to be removed from a fast-disappearing camp on the shores of Lake Karoum, told its story about the Army's falling moral. There, among the peeling pin-ups and Hebrew graffiti, was a large calendar which the Israeli occupants had crossed off each day until their departure.

According to senior officers, the only factor which could spin out the disengagement from Syrian lines is severe weather which has piled snowdrifts 12ft high on the road leading up to Jabal Barouk. Israel's mountain-top surveillance centre.

I was able to reach the 6,000-ft high post yesterday but only after giant snow ploughs had cleared a path. Staring down at Syrian fortifications, including Soviet-built anti-aircraft missile sites, it was clear why the post is regarded as the most valuable prize of the 1982 invasion.

"From here we can see everything in Syria and even northern Iraq," said one Israeli officer.

Another did not deny that the US uses the forest of electrical devices to spy on the Soviet Union.

Colonel Victor Avi, the region's articulate young commander, was asked about the sacrifice Israel will make when the base is abandoned – and probably reverts to Syrian control.

"As a soldier, of course I am sad. But as a citizen, I prefer to live within Israel's borders. You have to place a limit on areas you are going to keep just for strategic reasons."

Using powerful East German field glasses capture from a Palestinian infiltrator shot on the mountain the colonel detailed Syrian deployment clearly visible in the valley below. He was unmoved by an artillery shell explosion in the distance. "This is Lebanon. How can I know what caused it?" Asked what Israel had gained from the war, he said: "A few more problems."

"I blame myself partly for what happened, because I and other officers in similar positions did not speak up in 1982.

"I think the Army achieved its main goals within a week of invading. We should have left then, with dignity rather than having to retreat as we are now."



Road check: Israelis examining Lebanese villagers' papers east of Tyre.

Blast kills seaman on Soviet ship

Moscow (AP) – A seaman died and five others were injured in an explosion on a Soviet tanker in the Baltic port of Ventspils on Wednesday night, a Latvian official in Moscow.

The explosion occurred about 10 minutes after dockers began loading diesel fuel on board the 16,400-ton Ludvig Svoboda.

The tanker was seriously damaged in a fire caused by the explosion and windows in port buildings were blown out by the force of the blast.

A Finnish shipping source said earlier the tanker caught fire and sank.

Duke's tour

Niamey (Reuter) – The Duke of Edinburgh discussed the preservation of the o yx, a large antelope threatened with extinction, with President Seyni Kountche of Nigir before leaving for Mali on the third leg of his African tour.

Tuskers' tasks

Gland, Switzerland (AP) – Indonesia has begun a programme in which elephants endangered by encroaching civilization will be relocated and taught to perform useful jobs, according to the World Wildlife Fund.

Botha rebuff

Cape Town (Reuter) – South Africa has rejected a plea from Mr Edward Kennedy and 26 other US senators for the release of anti-apartheid activists facing trial for treason.

Kremlin outlines the risks at Geneva

From Richard Owen, Moscow

With only a few days before the opening of crucial new arms talks in Geneva, the Kremlin's chief adviser on US affairs has said the agreement between the superpowers may prove "practically unrealizable".

Dr George Arbatov told the newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* yesterday that Soviet-American relations had reached a watershed. "We have reached the point where it is clear as never before that we must take a decisive turn toward normalization," he said. "But there is a great danger that this turn will not place. We have reached the turning point, and any delay in taking long overdue positive decisions will make the complex business of agreement on arms control practically impossible to achieve."

Dr Arbatov, head of the USA Institute in Moscow, said that in the two months since Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, agreed on the framework for the new Geneva talks the United States had taken several steps "which make you seriously wonder whether the Reagan Administration really wants arms control at all".

The Russians have made it clear that their priority at the talks is to put a stop to the Reagan Administration's "Star Wars" research programme. The talks also cover medium range and strategic missiles, and Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, expressed concern that these issues might be overshadowed by disagreement on "Star Wars" technology when he paid a lighting visit to Moscow this week.

Dr Arbatov attacked Washington for raising doubts about Russia "as an honest partner" by listing Soviet arms treaty violations, and accused Mr Reagan of pressing Congress to agree to expanded military programmes rather than the reverse.

● WASHINGTON: President Reagan yesterday discussed the Geneva arms talks with Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, a member of the Soviet Politburo who is heading a 33-member delegation of the Supreme Soviet on a goodwill tour of the United States (Nicholas Ashford writes).

Although statements made by the two leaders before their meeting revealed deep differences in their approach to the Geneva talks, American officials said they hoped the meeting would "usefully contribute to building a more constructive relationship".

● MELBOURNE: Mr Shultz will visit Australia in July to plan bilateral defence arrangements in the wake of New Zealand's virtual exclusion from the Anzus treaty (Tony Dubondin writes).

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, made the announcement in Canberra yesterday and the said the visit underlined the importance Australia and the United States continued to attach to their relationships under Anzus.

Pan Am pilots cross the picket lines after vote

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Pilots for Pan American World Airlines began crossing picket lines yesterday after their union voted to return to work in the first breakthrough in the week-long strike against the beleaguered airline.

The strike, begun a week ago by a walkout of the 5,700-member Transport Workers' Union, has resulted in cancellation of most domestic flights and sharp cutback in international flights. A Pan Am spokesman said the airline, using management staff has been able to operate at between 20 per cent and 30 per cent of its capacity.

Mr Edward Acker, praising the agreement with the pilots association, said Pan Am hoped to return to 50 per cent of capacity by next week.

The week-long strike has created confusion and long delays in booking flights on alternative airlines

Blizzards stop rescue of Britons

By Kenneth Gosling

A third attempt to rescue two members of an expedition trapped on Brabant Island in Antarctica was abandoned yesterday when blizzards made it impossible for a helicopter to reach them.

Lieutenant-Commander Clive Waghorn, leader of the joint services expedition to the island, is lying with a broken leg, suffered in a fall into a crevasse, 2,500ft up on a mountain ridge. With him is Lance-Corporal Kerry Gill who is uninjured, and who was seen by an aircraft on Wednesday, waving outside their tent.

A spokesman for the expedition, Surgeon-Lieutenant Howard Oakley, said last night that the survey ship HMS Endurance was lying off the island with a naval helicopter waiting to take off. "But it's blowing a blizzard and they are unable to fly."

The weather is unlikely to clear before today which means the pair have spent nearly a week on the mountain.

Paris turns into city of the old

From Diana Geddes
Paris

"The population of Paris is getting smaller, lonelier, older, and more foreign, according to an analysis of the 1982 census, published yesterday. Half of all households in the city now consist of only one person, usually a divorced, widowed, or single woman. That is double the national average.

Foreigners account for 17 per cent of the population, compared with 7 per cent for the nation as a whole. North Africans make up the largest category of foreigners, followed by Spanish and Portuguese.

The number of people over 75 living in the city has increased by more than a third over the past 20 years, and now accounts for 8.5 per cent of the population. The proportion of people under 20 has decreased over the same period from nearly 29 per cent to 18.5 per cent.

The total population of Paris now totals 2.2 million people, 600,000 fewer than 20 years ago.

There is one place a telex won't go to.

Telexes and in-trays just don't mix. A telex tends to go straight into the hands of the person it's intended for.

Perhaps it's the sudden arrival that gives telex an urgency which demands attention.

Or it could be because telex has a certain status – people send one when they really mean business. But it wouldn't lose that status by being used every day.

After all, a telex is faster than just about any other method of written communication you care to mention.

It gets to its destination in next to no time, whether it's half-way round the world or half-way down the road.

It's quick too because the language is so simple. People expect to see the minimum number of words, so it takes little time to compose.

And when it's sent, an instant copy is produced so you don't have to worry about photocopies.

So why don't more people use telex more often?

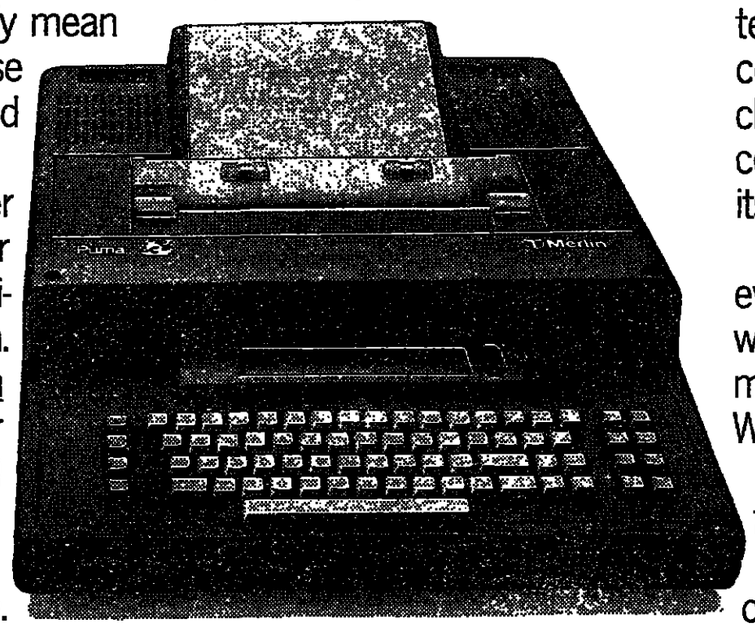
Could it be that a lot of them believe telex machines are big, noisy, ugly and antiquated?

If so, that couldn't be further from the truth.

The machines are now small, quiet, attractive and very modern.

Small enough to fit comfortably on a desk top (it's about as wide as a golf-ball typewriter), although you can have it on its own stand if you like.

Quiet enough to sit comfortably in your office. (It now registers a mere 48 decibels, compared to a quiet living-room's 40dB and a typing pool's 60dB.)



Attractive enough to look good on this page and in your office.

And modern enough to have its own repeat-dialling and word-processing facilities, plus a memory for stored messages.

(You can also set it to send the same message to several addresses automatically.)

Some models even have a screen so the sender can see the whole text set out before it's despatched.

Anyone with international contacts will find another feature particularly useful.

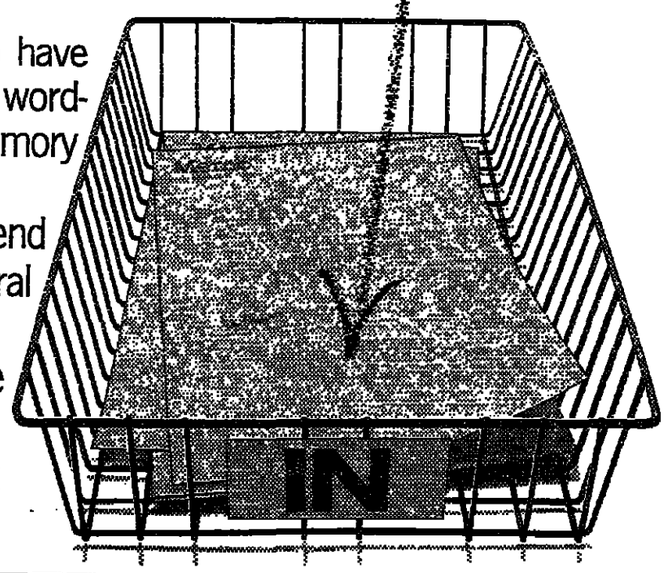
You can programme the machine to send a telex at any given time. So you won't have to wait until late to send information to Brisbane.

Or, for that matter, to Wagga Wagga. Yes, even businessmen in far-away Wagga Wagga are using telexes these days. (It's in New South Wales.)

Actually, there are now over one and a quarter million telex machines in two hundred countries world-wide, not including almost 100,000 in this country, which is an advantage in itself.

It's more than likely that whoever you want to do business with will have one. And it doesn't matter whether they're in South Wales old or New.

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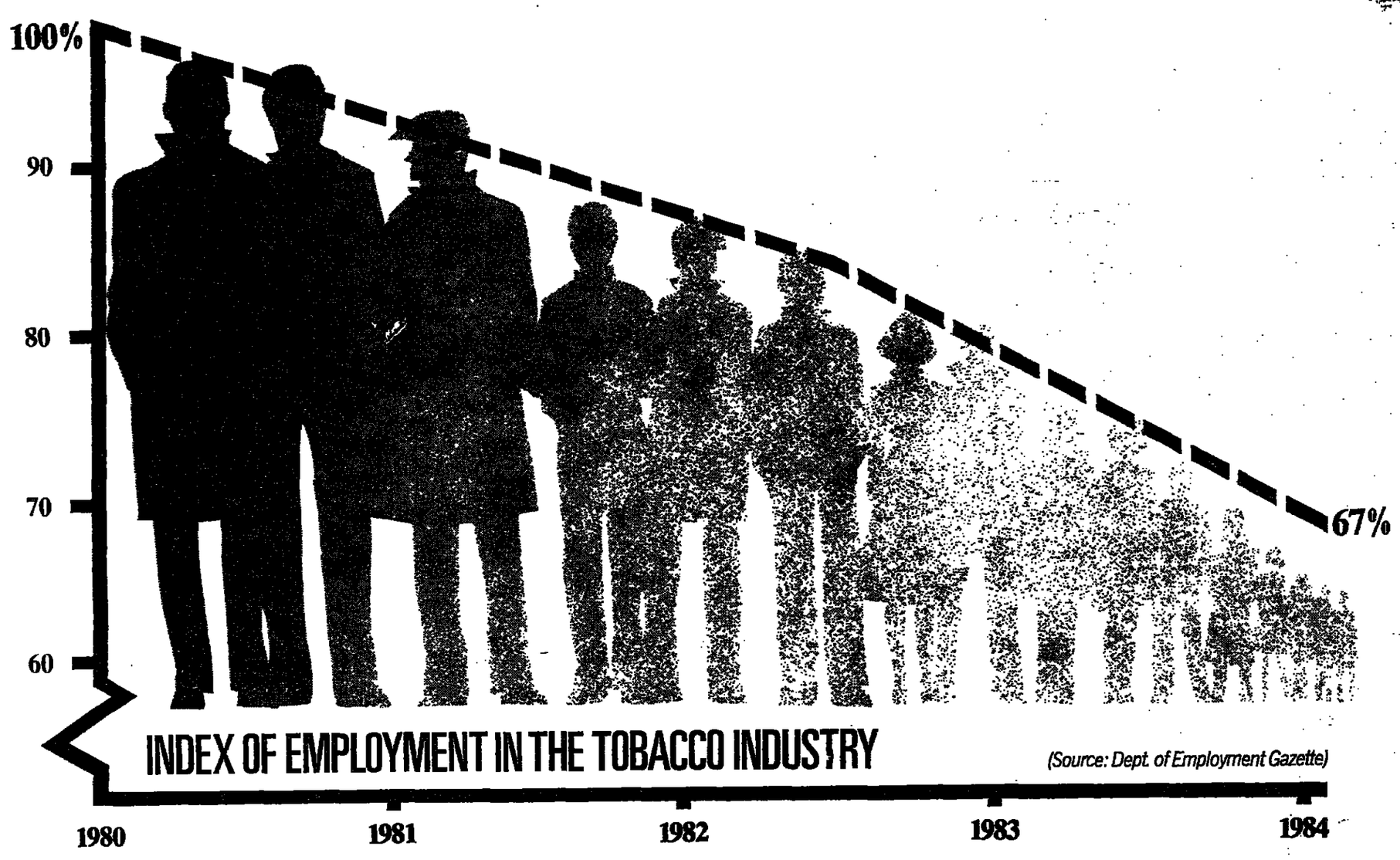
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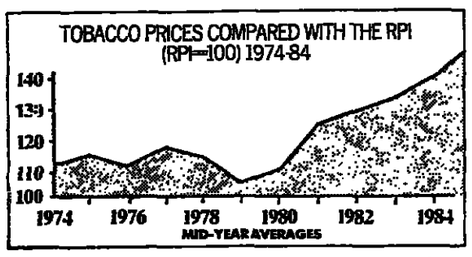
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Why unfair tobacco taxation makes the dole queue longer



Punitive tobacco taxes are weakening the tobacco industry, have already cost thousands of jobs and are threatening thousands more.

The situation is even more critical when one considers the knock-on effect on distributive and retail trades and other suppliers. For every job in the tobacco manufacturing industry there are seven others dependent upon it, *mainly in distribution and retailing.* Over the years, taxes on tobacco products have made cigarettes among the most heavily taxed goods in the country. In fact, tax now accounts for 73% of the cost of a packet of cigarettes.



GRAPH SHOWS EFFECT OF DISCRIMINATORY TAX INCREASES ON TOBACCO IN THE LAST 5 YEARS.

The last five years have seen the harshest increases in cigarette taxation – which have directly contributed to the loss of 50,000 jobs in the tobacco and related industries.

Factories closing

Factories have been closed and many jobs have been lost at those which remain open.

To make matters worse, *traditional centres of tobacco* manufacture are in areas of already high unemployment like the North East, Bristol, South Wales, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, Nottingham and Northern Ireland. All are threatened with the loss of more jobs in tobacco.

2,000 shops closed

In addition, small shopkeepers are among the worst affected by unfair tobacco taxes. Since 1979, more than 2,000 small retail tobacco businesses have closed down, with the loss of many thousands of jobs. And for every one of these small businesses which actually fail, three are in trouble.

The Prime Minister rightly makes speeches about the contribution which enterprise can make to small businesses, while the Chancellor's tax policies systematically destroy a vital business opportunity for people with independence and drive – the people who run the corner shops.

And this deprives local communities of important social services.

What the Prime Minister has to say...

"It is the spirit of enterprise that provides new jobs... And the role of Government in helping to do that? It is in cutting taxes, cutting inflation... removing obstacles to the growth of small businesses, for that is where many of the new jobs will come from – small businesses."

Mrs Thatcher, Conservative Party Conference, Brighton, 1984

Import threat

The UK taxes on cigarettes are among the highest in Europe, and *significantly* higher than those of France and Germany. Punitive tobacco taxes not only weaken our industry and make it less able to defend its markets (export as well as domestic), they also give foreign manufacturers an unfair advantage.

More on the dole?

The prognosis is clear. The British tobacco industry must not be further weakened by excessive taxation.

It already contributes almost £5 billion a year to the Exchequer.

The Government must play fair and not single out tobacco for punitive taxation. Otherwise, even more workers in the tobacco and related industries will find themselves in the dole queue.

Play fair on tobacco taxation

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meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

The famine in Africa

Bush hints at more US pressure on Ethiopia over aid for refugees

From Michael Prest, Khartoum

Mr George Bush, Vice-President of the United States, hinted yesterday that Washington would step up its pressure on Ethiopia to allow the free passage of food to the famine stricken provinces of Eritrea and Tigre in spite of their struggles against Addis Ababa.

Speaking at the end of his four-day visit to Sudan Mr Bush said: "I would hope the leaders of Ethiopia would allow the maximum possible relief in their country."

Mr Bush added that the sight of desperately ill children in the refugee camps of eastern Sudan, into which more than a million Ethiopians have streamed recently, made him think about how more governments could be persuaded to help the refugees.

It is possible that how to send more assistance to potential refugees inside Ethiopia, and so to prevent them burdening an already over-strained Sudanese economy will be raised by Mr Bush at a conference of aid donors in Geneva on Monday. Before then Mr Bush is scheduled to visit Mali and Niger.

On Tuesday Mr Bush appealed to the Ethiopian leaders to open up their eastern ports and allow food to be transported across country. This emerging and strengthening American policy is welcomed by the Sudan Government which has quietly been encouraging relief organizations for some months to send food over the border to limit the flow of refugees.

It is also welcome to the liberation movement which has been in a quandry over whether to allow their people out of Tigre and Eritrea and risk their bases being permanently weakened by ther population loss.

The Tigre Peoples Liberation Front, which claims that 3.8 million of its five million population are severely affected by the famine, has repeatedly urged donors to send food and supplies directly into the province.

The Ethiopian Government has been deaf to these requests so far. It does not see why it should succour its opponents, and unless the Americans are prepared to stop ther huge food shipments to the rest of Ethiopia, a difficult move in light of Mr Bush's commitment to "humanitarian" aid, The Ethiopians are unlikely to change their minds.

Yesterday Mr Bush signed an agreement with the Sudan Government for the release of another 151,000 tonnes of food aid, worth $21 million (£19.6 million). The food is part of existing American commitments.

During his stay here Mr Bush and senior officials, including Mr Chester Crocker, the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, discussed with President Nimeiry the terms on which further US assistance might be forthcoming.

Mr Bush declined to elaborate at his press conference, beyond saying that there had been "very frank discussions" about relations between Sudan and the International Monetary Fund, and about Sudan's shakey finances. No formal agreement with the IMF, which could unlock aid from other donors, is in sight, but it is clear that the Americans are continuing to press for economic reforms, especially for a bigger role for the private sector.

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Port pledge was broken relief official claims

Assab, Ethiopia (NYT) A Senior relief official said here, that Ethiopia was not honouring a pledge to keep three berths at this Red Sea port continuously available for the unloading of food for famine victims.

"This is disappointing," said Mr Desmond Taylor, deputy representative in Ethiopia of the World Food Programme, "particularly in view of the assurances at the highest level that emergency food supplies would be given priority."

Ethiopia had agreed earlier that relief aid would have priority over other cargo and that three of the six berths at Assab would be available at all times for unloading relief shipments. The World Food Programme has been Coordinating the arrival by sea of relief supplies in Ethiopia.

In January, Mr Kurt Jansson, the United Nations Assistant Secretary-General in charge of emergency operations in Ethiopia, complained to government officials that ships delivering Soviet-made military equipment were occupying the relief berths while ships were meved soon afterwards and Mr Jansson said the Government had reconfirmed its commitment regarding priority for food.

Shipping experts say that the cost of keeping a ship waiting at anchor is about $5,000 (£4,700) per day, a charge that generally must be paid by the donor. The port coordinator in Assab for the Ethiopian Ministry of Transportation and Communication, said that when berths were otherwise in use, donor nations should be willing to divert their ships to Massawa, further north in the region of Eritrea, or to Djibouti.

Such a proposal was put forward after the incident involving the military equipment, but several donor nations; including the United States, rejected it.

Pravda blames West

Moscow (Reuter) – *Pravda* yesterday accused the US and other Western countries of exploiting famine in Africa to impose their political and economic policies on the continent. Commenting on Mr Bush's trip to Sudan, Mali and Niger, the newspaper said he did not conceal that his aim was to promote economic reforms in the region "and prod African countries on the road to unfettered capitalism".

Chernenko misses gala in Moscow

From Richard Owen
Moscow

President Chernenko, who recently reappeared after a two-month absence looking ill and weak, yesterday failed to attend a gala meeting in honour of international Women's Day with other Politburo members. Instead, the senior party position was occupied by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, who was 54 last Saturday.

Mr Chernenko, aged 73, was shown in carefully-edited television films during the local Soviet election on February 24 and shortly afterwards. He had difficulty walking and talking, and both occasions were dominated by Mr Viktor Grishin, aged 70, the Moscow city party leader.

Mr Grishin attended yesterday's meeting in the Bolshoi theatre, which consisted of speeches and a concert. But Mr Gorbachov led the Politburo on to the stage with Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister.

He chatted confidently with both men as Valentina Tereshkova, the former cosmonaut and now head of the Soviet Women's Committee, condemned the "exploitation" of women in the West.

Libya says Britain still colonialist

From John Earle
Rome

The Anglo-Libyan talks held here on Tuesday brought results which "were positive, even if Britain on the whole has not given up its colonial and imperialist mentality", Mr Abdurrahman Shalgam, Libya's diplomatic envoy to Italy, said yesterday.

In the first Libyan statement here since Mr Stephen Egerton, the Foreign Office assistant under-secretary, had a confidential meeting with his Libyan counterpart at the Italian Foreign Ministry, Mr Shalgam blamed Britain for "continuing to support Libyan criminals".

Mr Shalgam, head of the Libyan Peoples' Bureau here, also told a Rome newspaper: "We are in no hurry to resume diplomatic relations with London. This is not oxygen vital to our survival."

He criticized Italian authorities for failing to bring to justice the killers of two Libyan diplomats, the former head of the bureau and the press attaché, in Rome. "The Italian authorities are not seriously committed to looking for the criminals," he said. These people belonged to the National Front for the Salvation of Libya.

Botha enlists patriotism in support of cuts

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

President Botha of South Africa yesterday appealed to public servants to show their loyalty and patriotism by accepting the cuts he has imposed in an effort to resolve the worsening economic crisis.

In a statement in Cape Town he said he accepted there was unhappiness over the decision to cut their bonus as by a third, but "the time has now come to do what we sing in our anthem *Ons vir jou, Suid Afrika.*"

The line from *Die Stem* translates literally as: "We're for you, South Africa," but official English translation renders it as: "O South Africa, dear land." It is increasingly evident that South Africa is becoming a very dear land to live in.

It was noted yesterday that Mr Botha was possibly facing his gravest crisis since he assumed the leadership of South Africa more than six years ago and that he was showing signs of strain.

The *Rand Daily Mail* said the President, who turned 69 in January, looked tired and gaunt on Tuesday when he announced the bonus and that he appeared to have lost a lot of weight.

His steps to cut the Government's enormous wage bill, which will undoubtedly be followed by a harsh budget on March 18, threaten to result in big defections to the ultra-right Conservative Party by many of the country's 600,000 public servants, traditionally stalwart government supporters.

In addition, the right-wing is poised to capitalize on any more reformist steps taken by the Government to appease black grievances.

Mr Botha is aware that should the Government take repressive measures against black unrest this would fuel the divestment campaign.



Beauty on parade: Ten finalists on stage at the Canton hotel in the first beauty pageant staged in China since 1949.

Mugabe says tourists were murdered after cry for help

From Jan Raath
Harare

The Government of Zimbabwe has concluded "quite definitely", that the six foreign tourists abducted by anti-government guerillas in 1982 are dead. Mr Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, said yesterday that investigators had established the six were killed in a small village three days after their abduction on July 23, 1982, after a forced march into the Lupane area, in North-West Zimbabwe.

The murders took place about 50 miles from where the toursits' lorry was stopped by a guerrilla roadblock, on the main road to Victoria Falls, 45 miles north of Bulawayo.

There were two Britons, two Americans and two Australians in the group. The Britons were Martyn Hodgson, aged 35 at the time of the adbuction, from Peterborough, and James Greenwell, aged 18, a student from London. Kevin Ellis, aged 24, from Seattle, and Brett Baldwin, aged 23, of California, came from America, while the two Australians were William Butler, aged 31, from New South Wales, and Tony Bajzelz, aged 25, from Tasmania.

Mr Mugabe said that on the third day of their capture, the six had been herded by the gang of 22 guerrillas into a small hut while the guerrillas lay in ambush some distance away.

Security forces, under instructions to intensify the hunt not far off the trail, increased aerial surveillance by helicopters. One of them flew directly over the hut.

"One of them screamed as they heard the helicopter, in the hope that the screams and shouts would be heard. But no one did, except the dissidents," Mr Mugabe said.

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Murder of police chief seen as attack on Basque self-government

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Lieutenant-Colonel arlos Diaz Arkotxa, chief superintendent of the Basque autonomous police force, was killed yesterday in Vitoria, northern Spain, when a bomb blew up the official car in which he was going to work.

ETA, the Basque terrorist organization, was blamed for the killing by the chief Government spokesman in Madrid. The Basque government condemned what it termed "a frontal attack" on the self-governing institution of the Basque people.

The Basque police force was not directly involved in the anti-terrorist struggle in the region, a task reserved for Spain's national police and the paramilitary Civil Guard.

The murdered police chief had refused any kind of personal protection Senor Jose Ardanza, the Basque chief minister, said.

Colonel Arkotxa, aged 52, was a Spanish Army major. He became head of the Basque police, the Ertzantra when it was first set up.

He was the 51st Spanish officers to be murdered either by ETA or Grapo since Franco's death.

Señor Narcis Serra, the Defence Minister yesterday pointed out the significance of the fact that Colonel Arkotxa was both a police chief and Army officer, and sounded a more cautious note than has been heard here for some time about ending quickly Basque terrorism.



Colonel Arkotxa: Rejected personal protection.

The Basque chief, according to Army intelligence sources, had been threatened in the past by ETA after the discovery of some of their terrorist plans by the French police.

Colonel Arkotxa, who was on his way to the Basque Police Academy yesterday, had stopped at a cafe near a petrol station on the road from Vitoria to San Sabastian. It was not clear whether the terrorists had placed the bomb under the seat of his car while he was in the café or whether it had been in place beforehand.

When the police chief started the engine there was an instant explosion. Doctors at the hospital where his shattered body was taken said they could nothing.

This was the first murder attack on the Basque autonomous police force. However, individual policemen have been shot at by terrorists and two years ago when the Ertzantza officially took over ordinary police duties from the Civil Guard their San Sabastian barracks was raided, netting a large haul of brand new arms for ETA.

The facade of the Spanish Navy's San Sabastian headquarters was badly damaged on Wednesday night by a bomb attack. It was the second in a year. An anonymous telephone caller accepted responsibility for the bombing on behalf of the ETA.

While the Basque government was badly shaken and declined to attribute immediate responsibilty, Spain's ruling Socialist Party urged all Basque democrats to face up to the fact that they were all terrorists targets.

The police force was the creation of the Basque Nationalist Party in power in Vitoria and the killing came amid a bitter leadership crisis in the party.

The tense atmosphere in the Basque country is also due to allegations by the Basque extreme left-wing Peoples Unity Partythat extreme right-wingers plotted in Madrid the assassination of one of the PUP leaders in Bilbao last November. The Ertzantza is reported to be *looking into the affair.*

Three months after the murder of Dr Santiago Brouard in his Bilbao surgery the Government has yet to bring anyone to trial.

Hong Kong takes step to widen democracy

From David Bonavia
Hong Kong

The most extensive elections held in Hong Kong took place yesterday amid signs of apathy on the part of the public. The Government will be happy if there is a 40 per cent turnout of the registerpd voters.

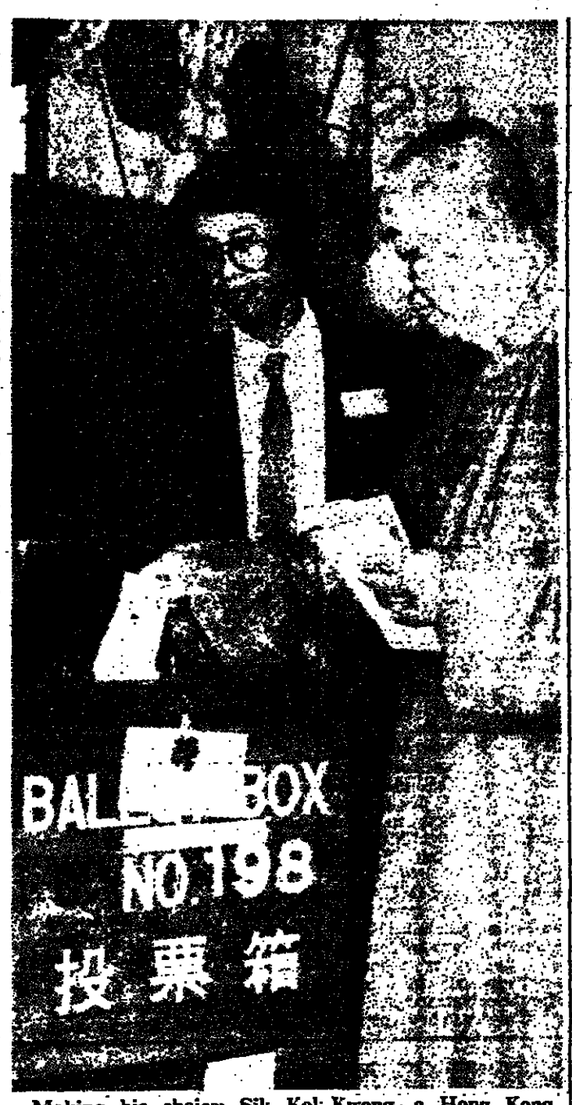
Five hundred and seven candidates were contesting 237 seats on 19 district boards in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories. Campaigning had been muted, and attention was focused on the environment, housing and schools.

There had been little discussion of the wider issues of Hong Kong's future such as the drafting of a new basic law for the territory to go into force when it reverts to Chines sovereignty in 1997.

Consistent with Hong Kong's past image of corruptibility, a man was found guilty of trying to blackmail a candidate by threatening to disrupt his election campaign unless he was bought off. But perhaps it is laudable that only one such case came to light.

The candidates mostly seemes to be on the young side, although they went all the way from the late twenties to the seventies in age. There was a huge preponderance of men, and middle-class people. There were only 30 women candidates.

The district board elections may have been unexciting, but they are a necessary first step on the road to the widening of democratic procedures in Hong Kong to create a stable basis for regional autonomy as part of the People's Republic of China.



Making his choice: Sik Kok-Kwong, a Hong Kong Buddhist leader, casting his vote yesterday.

US exporters face China loan pressure

From Mary Lee, Shanghai

British industrialists are finding it difficult to compete in China without making "soft loans" to the Chinese. Several members of the trade delegation now in China and led by Lord Young, Minister without Portfolio, privately expressed dissatisfaction with British Government policy on this matter, which is not to "subsidize" exports by providing purchasers with cheap credit, or other means of lowering prices.

Lord Young said: "It is not our policy to buy business with soft loans. We want the Chinese to be full partners. Britain, unlike some countries, is willing to share technology with China."

One of the industrialists said: "The reality which we have encountered in China is that our government's policy is putting us at a disadvantage compared with the Japanese and other rivals. The Chinese have been telling us that our products are good and they are interested, but our prices should be more competitive."

The clearest public hint of the problem facing British heavy industrial exports in China came from Mr Roger Kingdon, chief executive of Davy McKee. He said: "It is clear that contracts will be won only with the most up-to-date technology and competitive pricing and financial terms and that the excellent [sino-British] political climate will not compensate for weakness in any of these areas."

One industrialist who appears to be in full agreement *with the government policy is* Mr John Glasscock, of British Aerospace, who had difficuties with the Civil Aviation Authority of China over the price of aircraft. The Chinese apparently want about £1.8 million of spare parts free, in addition to buying *10 of the 146,s at a price which* could mean a loss for BAe. Mr Glasscock said BAe was prepared to arrange loans for the Chinese authority "but at commercial rates".

BAe has been negotiating with it on the T46 for about *three years, and the price of the* aircraft has risen, which makes meeting the Chinese demands even more difficult. Even so, Mr Glasscock said, "detailed discussions will continue with hope of an early agreement".

Lord Young said: "Both Premier Zhao Ziyang and Vice-Premier Li Peng said they hoped a place would be reserved for the 146 and that both sides would continue to negotiate."

EEC split over how to handle the 'friendly' car

From Ian Murray, Brussels

All cars on the roads of the EEC will have to be "friendly" towards the environment by the middle of the 1990s. Community environment ministers meeting in Brussels agreed yesterday. But they were deeply divided on how and when the friendly car should become commonplace and compulsory.

It was essentially an argument between those who wanted to stop forests dying, led by West Germany, and those who wanted to stop the European motor industry dying, led by Britain.

The two senior West German ministers present showed how concerned the Bonn Government has become by the fact that as the Black Forest trees die, the votes of the Greens grow. Next Sunday there are elections *in two of the Lände.*

The presence of two British ministers showed that there is now a real danger that the European motor industry can be swamped by Japan in the next decade if it does not develop the latest technology. Both countries wanted their strongest team to argue the case, aware that tens of thousands of jobs and votes hung in the balance.

The British argument is that West Germany has been panicked into demanding a system of car exhaust controls which can be satisfied only by forcing all vehicles to use an expensive and outmoded technology. Mr William Waldegrave, the British Minister, said yesterday that this confused the means with the end and was not a solution

The favoured West German means to the end is a catalyst converter to be bolted into the exhaust system which would destroy many of the noxious fumes which West Germany claims are destroying the Black Forest. This is available immediately.

The favoured British means is an engine which eats up the noxious fumes as it fires, leaving only tiny amounts to be expelled into the air. That could not be in wide use until the middle of the next decade.

In Britain's view the catalyst converter is obsolete technology. Mr Waldegrave argued that it burns 5 per cent more fuel than the present car engine. In contrast, the "lean burn" engine favoured by Britain would consume 15 per cent less fuel.

The converter, he argued, would cost about £500 a car plus annual maintenance costs of £90. There would also be the replacement cost after four years of use. In contrast, the "lean burn" engine would add no more than £70 to the price of a car.

Most important of all, the Japanese manufacturers were now perfecting lean burn engines.

Howe urges EEC to keep veto rights

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

Members of the European Economic Community should retain the right of veto on issues which threatened their national interests, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said last night.

But the right should not be abused and a country which exercised it under the so-called Luxembourg Compromise should be made to explain fully why.

Sir Geoffrey, speaking in Milan at the Centre for *Instruction and Study of the* European Community ruled out an early British decision to participate fully in the European Monetary System.

The present state of the money markets, given the fluctuating dollar and the price of oil, still made this a difficult time to do so. But "to steal James Bond's phrase we have never said never", he said.

After the accession of Spain and Portugal the EEC would have 315 million people, many more than the United States. It accounted for 20 per cent of international trade already.

The total annual cost of all the barriers to free trade within the EEC was a horrifying £6,600 million, he said. Britain wanted to see Europe united as a market and as a political entity.

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Helicopter deal makes Seoul angry

From David Watts
Tokyo

South Korea has called again on the United States for clarification over the illegal export of Hughes Helicopters to North Korea earlier this year.

In a second letter to Washington, the Government also seeks *the results of American investi*gations into the sale of at least 17 Hughes 500 helicopters to the North. The total Pyongyang received could be as many as 85.

The South Koreans are dissatisfied that their earlier *complaint about the helicopter* sale has not produced tangible results beyond Washington revoking Hughes's West German agent's export privileges in the US.

The helicopters enhance North Korean capability in two important areas and, since the South operates the same type, they could be easily used for infiltration with false South Korean markings. The North has a formidable force of crack commandos that the South believes would be sent immediately to rear areas to cause chaos in the event of war.

Now North Korea's helicopter force consists of outdated Soviet models. The sale opens up the question of whether the North will be able to get advanced military equipment through the Chinese.

Mechanical heart man has second transplant

Tucson, Arizona (Reuter) – A 32-year-old unidentified man kept alive with an experimental mechanical heart for several hours yesterday received his second transplanted human heart within three days.

Doctors at the University of Arizona Medical Centre said the mechanicl heart was his only chance of survival. A spokesman said after the latest operation that there were complications.

The device, known as the Phoenix Heart and still to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration, was implanted after a transplanted human heart failed. It is worked by compressed air.

"We did not set out to do a human experiment," the medical centre's chief transplant surgeon, Dr Jack Copeland, said. "But we were faced with a patient who had no alternative other than death."

The operations on the patient, who has a progressive heart disease, began on Tuesday. The mechanical device was fitted as a last resort after an unsuccessful search for another human heart.

It was later removed in a four-hour operation which ended early yesterday

Dr Copeland said use of mechanical *heart met ethical* requirements. "I feel we conducted ourselves properly and I believe we gave this man a chance for another transplant."

The patient was in a critical but fairly stable condition.



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Or you could be putting in a hard day's night while most law-abiding folk are comfortably parked in front of the television.

BERMONDSEY: The Community Liaison Officer visits a local youth club to talk about the dangers of drugs and glue-sniffing. The kids complain about being 'picked on', so the message doesn't get through this time.

Look on the bright side, though. While everyone else is slaving away at work, you can spend an afternoon in the garden or at the squash club.

So much for routine.

There's not much chance of anyone settling into a comfortable routine in the Metropolitan Police.

It's one of the few occupations where you can turn up for work and not have an inkling of what the day holds in store for you. You could be called to the scene of a fatal accident, or an armed robbery.

Or you could spend the afternoon in a community centre helping to sort out old people's problems.

COVENT GARDEN: A man is seen trying to feed an American Express card into a bank's all-night cash dispenser. It turns out he's high on LSD and the card is high on our stolen list. That won't do nicely at all sir.

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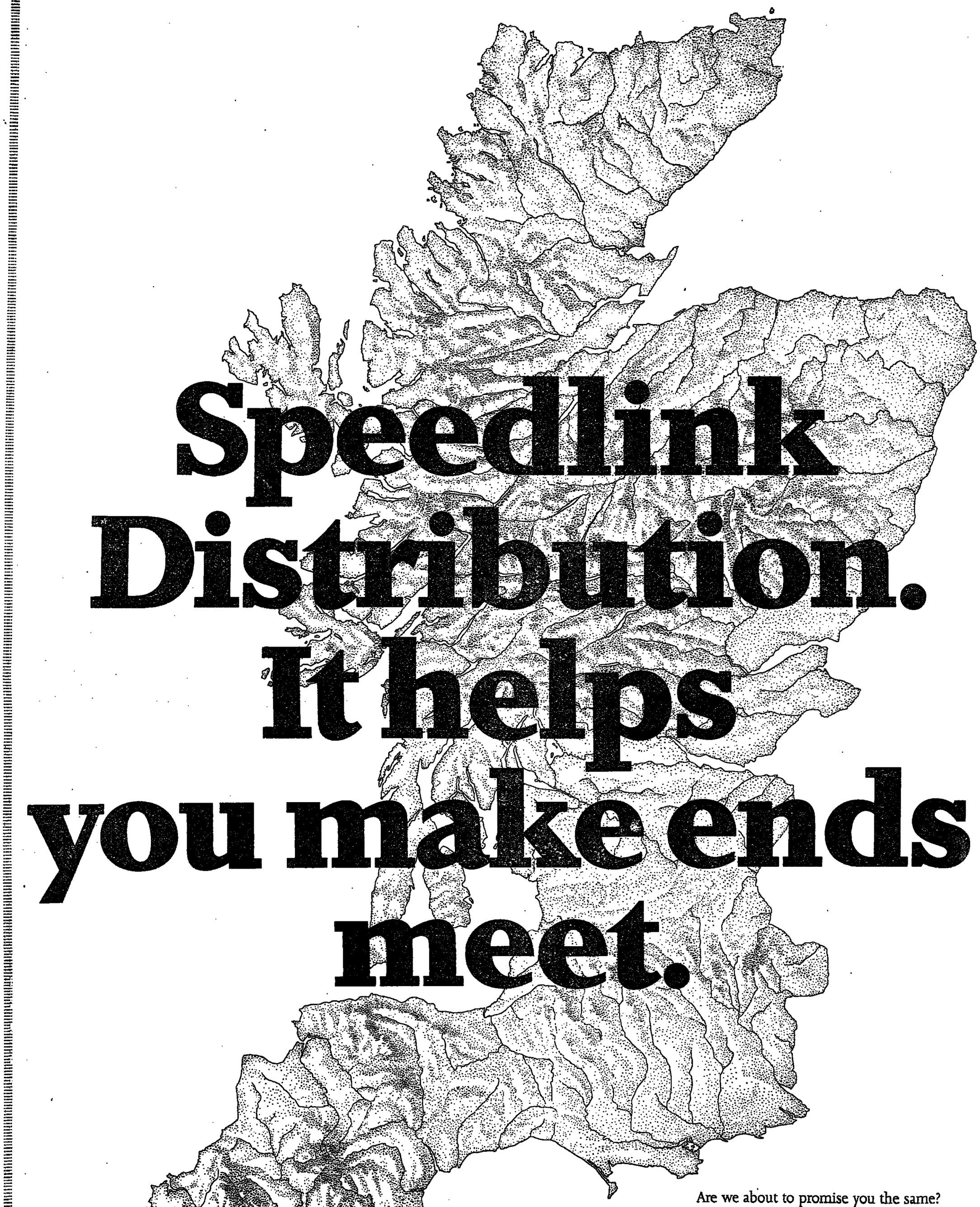
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Managua panics as explosions set armoury and hospital ablaze

Managua (AP) – A series of explosions at a military armoury in central Managua on Wednesday night started a gigantic fire that spread to a military hospital. More than 200 firemen battled through the night to control the blaze.

President Daniel Ortega said the explosions and fire caused extensive damage but there were no casualties.

Authorities said at least five explosions were heard at the El Chipote armoury, which is near to the Intercontinental Hotel. It houses a small contingent of troops and serves as headquarters for the state security police. The armoury is also next to the former bunker of Anastasio Somoza, who was overthrown by the Sandinista National Liberation Front in 1979.

The Nicaraguan Interior Minister Señor Tomas Borge, said the cause of the explosions was being investigated.

The official Voz de Nicaragua radio station made an urgent appeal for doctors and nurses at hospitals where evacuated military patients had been transferred. Most of the patients are soldiers who were wounded fighting US-backed guerrillas.

Many families living near the hospital were evacuated for fear the fire might spread. An official from the fire service said that by 2am yesterday firemen were preventing the fire from spreading even though they had been unable to put it out.

The explosions caused confusion in Managua and large numbers of police cars rushed through the streets, with sirens screaming. "A call is being made to place yourselves on battle readiness and to put yourselves at the orders of the police," the state radio announced. It urged people not to try to approach the hospital and to respect security barriers.

Santinista leaders periodically predict invasions by US forces and war fever is quick to grip the city.

Voz de Nicaragua ealier reported that there has been an explosion and fire near an oil refinery

However, an Associated Press correspondent reported that everthing was calm at the refinery and that reports of a fire or explosion were erroneous.

● WASHINGTON: A private human rights group charges that US-backed rebels fighting the Nicaraguan Government have killed and abused civilians "with some frequency".

In a report scheduled for release yesterday, the Washington-based International Human Rights Law Group concluded that the evidence provides "a reasonable basis to believe that the Contras engage in acts of terroristic violence against unarmed civilians".

Murdered US agent beaten by drug gang

From John Carlin
Mexico City

Mexican police have found the bodies of an American drug enforcement agent and a Mexican pilot who worked with him at a remote mountain ranch 60 miles south-west of Guadalajara, Mexico's principal drug centre, where the two men were kidnapped by suspected traffickers four weeks ago.

The ranch where the bodies were found on Wednesday was the scene of a gun battle last weekend in which one one policeman and five drug traffickers were killed.

The bodies of the men, Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena and the pilot, Alfredo Zavala, were found in plastic bags, badly decomposed. There were signs of severe beatings. One man's head had been badly crushed, police said. Forensic scientists said the men had been dead at least 15 days.

The cause of death was due to be established at an examination yesterdau.

Mexican police appear to be no nearer finding the murderers, who are believed by American officials to be members of one of Mexico's leading drug gangs.

The American ambassador to Mexico, Mr John Gavin, said the dodies had been found afer police in Guadalajara received an anonymous letter.

Mr Gavin said that in Mexico there was "an ongoing war against drug traffickers" in which more losses among Mexican police and US drug enforcement agents would come as no surprise.

While Mexican police have been intensifying their war against drugs lately, US officials have upset the Mexican Government recently with public statements claiming Mexican authorities are deeply involved in their country's huge drug business.

When Mr Camarena was kidnapped on February 7 he was reported to have been investigating alleged involvement by Mexican police in the drug business.

Of heroin consumed in the US, 38 per cent is produced in Mexico. A third of the cocaine that arrives in the US travels through Mexico.

The US Embassy says that as the official war against drugs intensifies in South America, international drug dealers are relocating their operations. As a consequence, the Mexican drug business is said to be booming. Little is sold internally, drug gangs setting their sights on the lucrative North American market.



Drug war victim: Policeman José Aldape injured in a gun-battle with drug runners, is visited by a friend.

Contadora resumes its peace efforts

From Geoffrey Matthews
Bogota

The Contadora group of countries seeking to forge a negotiated peace in Central America claimed it was back in business yesterday after the arrival here of a Nicaraguan student, whose detention by the Sandinista Government had threatened to undermine its initiatives.

Señor José Manuel Urbina Lara arrived in Bogota on a Columbian Air Force flight from Managua on Tuesday night, 24 hours earlier than scheduled.

He had been granted political asylum in the Costa Rican embassy in Managua last August but he was detained by Nicaraguan police on Christmas Eve when he left the building to talk to a friend in the street outside. It has been hotly disputed exactly where the arrest took place – in the grounds of the embassy, as Costa Rica insisted, or in the street, as claimed by the Sandinistas.

Costa Rica subsequently declared that it would boycott all meetings with representatives of the Contadora group which is formed by Columbia, Mexico, Venezuela and Panama, until Señor Urbina was freed. Honduras and El Salvador joined the boycott.

Late last week President Belisario Betancur of Columbia persuaded President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua to release Señor Urbina as a gesture to Contadora when both were in Montevideo, for the inauguration of Uruguay's new civilian president.

The Sandinistas have called Señor Urbina a draft dodger and a counter revolutionary.

Señor Urbina, aged 21, said he was "anti-Sandinista" because of "the abuses the regime commits against the nation's youth."

He criticized the Argentine Nobel Peace Prize Winner and human rights activist Señor Adolfo Perez Esquivel, for being "an ideologue and apologist for the false revolution in my country."

Thais object to UN over Vietnamese invasion

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

Fighting has continued for a third day between Thai forces and Vietnamese troops who crossed into north-eastern Thailand from Cambodia early on Tuesday.

The Thai Army and Western intelligence analysts in Bangkok said that hundreds of Vietnamese had been driven back into Cambodia but others had renewed their attacks on military positions up to two miles inside Thailand and on the anti-Vietnamese guerrilla base at Tatum which they said, was under heavy shelling and appeared in danger of falling.

Thailand has delivered a note to the UN Secretary-General protesting against the incursion by 1,000 Vietnamese soldiers, the largest yet into Thailand.

Vietnam in a statement broadcast by Radio Hanoi dismmissed the Thai allegation as a fabrication. It said: "This slanderous act by Thailand only helps to cover up its ever-closer collusion with China in giving military aid to Khmer reactionaries."

General Arthit Kamlange-Ek, the Thai Supreme Commander, said Thai forces had retaken three hills in Surin province which the Vietnamese had occupied on Tuesday. Infantry, aircraft and artillery had been used to dislodge them.

General Arthit said the Vietnamese were now putting down landmines and booby traps to prevent 5,000 guerrillas defending the base at Tatum from using escape routes into Thailand.

Thai officers at the border spoke of Vietnamese troops making "suicide attacks" against Thai and guerrilla positions. They estimate that at least 70 Veitnamese have been killed inside Thailand.

More Thai casualties have been reported. At least 14 soldiers have been killed, three more are missing and 35 wounded. Fifteen Thai civilians are known to have died in the Vietnamese attack, most as a result of shellfire from big guns 12 miles to the east.

Cantonal elections put Mitterrand to the test

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Half the French electorate is due to take part in the first round of the cantonal elections on Sunday to elect nearly 2,000 local district representatives to each of the councils in France's 95 departments.

The opposition is hoping that it will be able to wrest control from the left in up to 14 departmental or county councils. At present, 59 councils are controlled by the right, and 36 by the left. Paris, which is considered both as a department and as a municipality, is also controlled by the right, but will not be involved in Sunday's poll.

This year's cantonal elections assume a new importance for it is the first time they will have been held since the transfer to the elected president of the departmental council of the substantial administrative and financial powers previously exercised by the "prefet" the Government's local representative.

By British standards, French local authority powers remain small. But decentralization laws passed by the Mitterrand Government since 1982 are, nevertheless, considered to have carried out a virtual bloodless revolution on France's traditionally highly centralized system of government.

Cantonal elections are held every three years to renew the seats of half the total number of departmental councillors who are elected for a six-year term. Those coming up for re-election on Sunday were voted into office in 1979, when the left won 55 per cent of the vote. In the last cantonal elections in March 1982, that support had slipped to 49 per cent.

The latest Sofrès opinion poll on voting intentions ("what would you vote if parliamentary elections were held tomorrow?") gives the left only 40 per cent of the vote and the right 58

The Socialists, who won 27 per cent of the vote in the 1979 cantonal elections and 30 per cent in 1982, are now credited with only 24 per cent of voting intentions. That is, nevertheless, better than the pitiful 21 per cent which they scraped together in the European elections last June.

The same Sofrès poll gives the Communists 13 per cent of the vote (compared to 11 per cent last June), the extreme-right National Front 9 per cent (11 per cent last June), the Gaullist RPR party 25 per cent, and the centre-right UDF 20 per cent.

The Socialists are particularly worried about the strong possibility of losing control of the Isère departmental council, whose president is M Louis Mermaz, president of the National Assembly and, as such, three in the political hierarchy after President Mitterrand and the Prime Minister. No fewer than 14 Cabinet ministers and President Mitterrand have been down to the department within the past few weeks in an attempt to help to rally Socialist support.

Sextuplets -after a vasectomy

Kittery, Maine (AP) – A shipyard mechanic who had a vasectomy last autumn said yesterday he was "lucky," after learning his wife is pregnant with sextuplets. Dick and Kim Perham, who have two-year-old twin boys, are expecting the six babies this summer.

"I will have eight babies that are under the age of three," Mrs Perham said in a telephone interview. She is due to give birth by caesarean section on July 28 at a Boston hospital.

"As soon as I found out I was pregnant, I just had this feeling I was going to have more than two," she said.

Mr Perham said his wife was not taking fertility drugs, but she was taking a hormone. He said doctors did not attribute the unusual pregnancy to the hormone.

Mr Perham, aged 33, a diesel mechanic at the Portsmouth naval shipyard in Kittery, had a vasectomy last September. However, he was told that it takes at least eight weeks to become sterile, and patients are supposed to return for a test. Mr Perham did not go back, but assumed the operation had been successful.

"I'd talked to all the guys at work and they said: 'Eight-to-10 weeks, no problems, don't worry about it'," he said.

Italy seeks Calvi aide's extradition

From John Earle
Rome

Italy has asked the United States for the extradition of Signor Francesco Pazienza, a business consultant, arrested in New York ealier this week in connection with the disappearance of funds from the bankrupt Banco Ambrosiano of the late Signor Roberto Calvi.

Signor Pazienza, aged 39, who was reported to be using a Seychelles passport in the name of Frank Donato, was a close adviser to Signor Calvi before his death and the collapse of his bank in the summer of 1982.

Apart from his involvement in the Ambrosiano affair, there are three other Italian warrants

One concerns his alleged activities as a collaborator of the Italian secret service. Another alleges links with the Mafia in the award of rebuilding contracts after the 1980 Naples earthquake. The last warrant is for alleged extortion and drug-trafficking.

Probe danger

Prague, (AP) – A geological probe containing radioactive material was lost in south-central Czechoslovakia and authorities warned the public that it could be dangerous

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Paul Vallely reports from famine-plagued Ethiopia on the nuns fighting to hold back a traditional farming community from the edge of the precipice

Clinging to hope amid the hunger







Children from Wolayta and the nuns at Dubbo Mission. From left: Sisters Marie, Francisca, Gabriel, Agnes and Colette

A refugee camp is a distillation of human misery. Its wretched inhabitants parade their daily desperation before an international audience of visiting politicans, relief officials and television crews like actors in some grisly play.

Yet behind the dramatization is a more everyday reality which encompasses the lives of those millions of farmers who have not been driven to seek refuge in the feeding camps. Part of the tragedy of Ethiopia today is that the future of such people is no less bleak.

It was a woman who had a house, a healthy family and enough food for that one day who, in Wolayta, took the food, gave it to her children and then, as they ate, went out and hanged herself.

Wolayta is an awraja, a county-sized region, in the southern province of Sidamo. It has always been known as a fairly fertile area: though it was never one of the parts of Ethiopia which could produce large food surpluses for export, it was never affected by the droughts which for centuries have plagued the highland farmers in the north. It was a place where, if people could not be said to have lived well, very few starved, and in the past 25 years the population increased fourfold to almost one million.

But in 1983 the rains failed in Wolayta too. That year only a quarter of the usual rainfall was recorded. The main harvest in September and October was a dreadful failure. By the beginning of last year the peasants had exhausted most of their small stocks of food and the area had entered into the ratchet of decline from which a subsistence agriculture, once entrapped, finds it difficult to disengage itself.

The 1984 rains were better but nowhere near sufficient to prevent the ill effects of the previous season from being carried over – dry soil, weak oxen, poor seed corn. In the summer months, when an inadequate sweet potato crop, the area's second harvest, had been finished more than 500,000 people, over half the awraja's population were suffering severely from the effects of famine. Somewhere between 30,000 and 50,000 people died. No one is sure of the exact figure.

Today things do not augur well for 1985. Already most of the maize from the October harvest is gone, the sweet potatoes will not be ready for another six weeks and, when they are, they certainly will not last until the next main harvest.

It was against this background that Hugh Goyder, the field director of Oxfam in Ethiopia, visited Wolayta recently to to review the progress of not just the famine relief work his organization is funding but also the state of its long-term development projects. Oxfam began these eight years ago to ease the subsistence farmers away from the edge of the economic precipice on which they eke out a bare livelihood.

The road south of Addis Ababa is a bumpy, dusty dirt-track. Evidently the Italians in their brief colonial stay did not think there was anything in the south worth building a proper road to. By the time we reached the little town of Areka two days later, our Land Cruiser and its contents were covered with a fine red film of dust. But Wolayta, as we descended into the awraja from the Kali mountains which stand between the region and the capital, seemed lush and verdant.

"It is deceptive. It was like this last year and yet people starved to death. We called it the green famine. There were crops standing in the fields but when you examined them you found the husks were virtually empty", the field director explained.

Oxfam's work in the area, along with that of the Irish agency, Concern, is based at the Dubbo Catholic Mission which is housed in a long low building alongside the church, school and Italian priests' hostel. Aroused by the echo of our progress through the Areka valley, a tiny figure in the grey habit of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady waited on the mission steps. This was Sister Colette, an indomitable Yorkshirewoman of 67 years with a genial smile and a shrewd, beady glint behind her horn-rimmed glasses. Her canny financial sense and breathless schoolgirl enthusiasm



Oxfam's Hugh Goyder: 'We can't pull out now'

have sustained the Dubbo Mission for eight years and other projects in Ethiopia for the past quarter of a century.

There were five aspects of the mission's work which Hugh Goyder, together with Oxfam's emergency nutritionist Cathy Gibb, wanted to inspect: its famine relief, its health education scheme, its out-patients' clinic, its night shelter for those too ill to return home after feeding, and its drinking water projects. The Oxfam team also wanted to assess the extent to which immediate relief work was distracting people and money away from the development projects, which are ultimately the only way of forstalling the famine relief work of the future.

The tour of inspection got off to a poor start when the Oxfam officials discovered that the three-man spring capping and water protection team, which they were funding, was currently engaged in building a garage. "They're very good workers but at the moment there's no one to supervise them", said Sister Colette, smiling and waving at the cheery trio who were hammering nails into wooden spars. Spring protection had taken place on 24 sites but had lost its momentum when the Concern volunteer who masterminded it returned to Ireland after two years in Wolayta.

"What we need is a full-time water engineer. Can you fund one?" asked the ever-hopeful Nun. "We'll have to see", mused Goyder. "What we may be able to do immediately is divert one from elsewhere."

It was 8.30am and Sister Colette's various teams and the four Ethiopian nuns who work with her were leaving the mission – Sister Agnes to the textile workshop where the local women spin and weave; Sister Francisca to teach at the Italian school; Sister Marie to run the clinic; Sister Gabriel to supervise the mother and child health care programme which visits a different village every day; Maggie, the Concern nurse from Drogheda, to the in-patients' night shelter; and a team of local men and women to distribute supplementary rations to seriously malnourished children in surrounding villages.

"We have doubts about the efficacy of the supplementary feeding", explained Hugh Goyder as he drove up a steep cattle track towards the peasants' association at Ambe. "We want to find out how much grain the government is distributing here and whether our supplement is worthwhile or whether we should axe it." This is the problem at the other end of giving: deciding when to stop, or alter, or go somewhere else where the money would be better used."

The pair from Oxfam sat and watched for an hour as the local team put children in their improvised scales and checked their weight-for-height ratio to determine the degree of malnourishment. Hugh Goyder became more hesistant as he watched.

"You come out from Addis with all sorts of ideas but when you get in the field they change", he said afterwards. "You have a theory but when you see the state of these people and realize that we can't pull out now, even if our supplement is in fact their only food, because the government is not getting enough grain out.

"In theory it is an expensive way to feed people – to use high quality supplementary food for their whole diet, but is there a practical alternative? There is another lean period coming up. And at least this scheme keeps people in their own homes and doesn't destabilize the society by moving everyone to centres or camps."

It was a slow hour's drive to Bombe and the night shelter which proved to be one of the most depressing places I have been to in Ethiopia.

The 400 children there are in need of intensive feeding and are too weak to return home at night. It was just before the meal time. The only European medic there, Maggie Darragh, a midwife from a smart modern hospital just outside Dublin, was working in a stifling tent in the grip of malaria. Her skin had a yellow pallor and her brow was feverish as she toured the tents.

All around were pitiful little piles of skin and bones, children who had lost their subcutaneous fat and even their muscles. One, a seven-year-old boy called Garama, could have been picked up with a single hand. She put him on a drip in the intensive care tent. "Look at the state of him. What's wrong with him? Everything. I'm treating him for marasmus, TB, dehydration, worms and dysentery."

In the TB tent she came across a pair of one-year-old twins, one twice the size of the other. Flies crawled around inside the open mouth of the smaller. "The problem in this part of the world is that if a mother thinks she can't feed both she just abandons the weaker." She shook her head in disbelief and waved her hand to disperse the congregation of insects.

"I was in Zambia for three years but I've never seen anything like this", she said, wiping her hand through her hair in a gesture of total bewilderment. "These people have no idea: they use the same rag to mop up urine and wipe a child's eyes. They just accept the coming of death – if he won't eat, he won't eat. I have to force-feed many of them."

It was a desperate sight to see her at work, rushing from one child to another, wedging her palm against their chins in an attempt to keep the milky porridge down. As she moved to the next, as often as not, the child spewed the vital liquid down its naked chest.

"People at home think all you have to do is send food and the hungry will eat it. But they don't, their whole body rejects it." She was on the edge of collapse as Hugh Goyder persuaded her to go back to the mission to rest.

"It's easy to lose your sense of perspective when you visit a place like that", he said afterwards. "You have to tell yourself that this number of children would die in an area like this even in a good year." This is a country where half the children born die before they reach the age of three.

It is in an attempt to lower statistics like these that Sister Colette, eight years ago, founded a



Maggie Darragh: 'I've never seen anything like this'

mother and child health education programme. "We had it at three clinics in the area and thought it was quite successful until last year, when the drought came, and we discovered that people were dying all around us and we didn't know about it. After that we decided to take the programme into the villages. They have 17 kebeles, peasants' associations in each village, which we visit in turn, one a day."

That day it was held in the village of Afarma Bamcha where 200 women were sitting with their babies in the shade of the fence of an abandoned protestant evangelical church closed not long after the revolution. An Ethiopian nurse was addressing them and asking at the end of every few sentences: "*Ishe?*" to which the women chorused "*Ishe*" in reply.

"It means OK, they understand", explained Sister Gabriel. "She is telling them to boil water and wash hands and not to use the river as a latrine." Outbreaks of cholera are reported all over the region at the moment but, as far as the limited information can indicate, it seems that the death rate from it in this area is lower than normal.

"One must assume that is because of these health education sessions, together with the fact that people are used to attending clinics which they are not in other areas", said one local doctor. The fact that many of the nearby water sources have been capped and cleaned is another element.

But elsewhere the problems were increasing and the resources diminishing. The nuns were still paying the running costs of the clinic they had built two years ago, despite the fact that the government had promised to take over the running expenses once it was complete. Transport for the supplementary feeding programme was becoming prohibitively expensive. "Any chance of a Land Rover?" The ever-enterprising nun enquired.

Back at the mission, over a cosmopolitan dinner of fish and chips for the Europeans and wot and enjera, the national staple dish of spicy stew and sour pancakes, for the Ethiopian sisters, the Oxfam team reviewed the day.

There was no worry about the awful Bombe night-shelter: two new Concern volunteers, a doctor and a nurse who happened to be husband and wife, had arrived that day from County Cork with their four-month-old baby to take over the mission's medical work.

The concern was that the long-term work was going by the board: the rejuvenation of the water project would, at present, be only temporary and the mother and child programme was slowly becoming overstretched as the number of villages which needed attention increased. It was running out of money too for cod liver oil, vitamin supplements and standard clinic medicines.

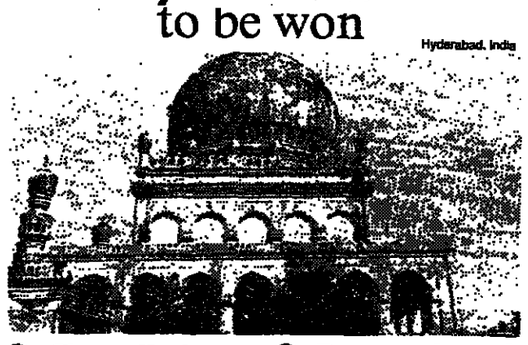
As always, the immediate needs of feeding and healing people seemed to come before the development work which was designed to prevent them from getting malnourished or ill in the first place.

"There is only one real answer to that problem", said Sister Colette, ever mindful of the opportunity: "More money." But it seems that the scale of the famine problem in Ethiopia, now in 12 of the country's 14 provinces, has become so vast that development work will be pushed to the background for some years to come.

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Jane Ewart-Biggs, UK president of UNICEF, describes the drought-stricken panic of the refugees and people in Sudan

What do you want to be when you grow up? – Alive

There's an ever increasing sense of panic in Khartoum and the only topic of discussion is the drought.

The overwhelming problem facing the Sudanese government and relief workers is not only the refugees from neighbouring drought-ridden countries, but the swelling number of displaced people within Sudan itself.

The members of the international aid, development and relief agencies use an esoteric language in their work. "A pocket of nasty malnutrition at Atbara" was reported at a meeting in Khartoum I attended in February. This meant that several thousand hungry and exhausted nomads, driven from their traditional mountain grazing areas by lack of water and having lost all their livestock, were camping round a little Nile town. Atbara's medical services, food and fuel were at breaking point. But, with the typical generosity of the Sudanese, the townspeople had welcomed and assisted the interlopers.

A few months ago another "nasty pocket" developed at Omdurman, on the outskirts of Khartoum itself, when 80,000 people arrived after days on foot or by truck. They had sold their remaining livestock and jewellery to buy food.

Relief workers arrived to set up around them the minimum structure to preserve life. Three French women from Medecins Sans Frontières dispensed EEC food aid; the Islamic African Relief Agency had set up a centre; a volunteer Sudanese doctor worked tirelessly from a medical tent and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) drilled a borehole for water. In contrast, the government, embarrassed at this camp so near to the capital, did everything to urge the people to return to their villages.

I soon realized the full extent of the rescue operation. The drilling rig was continuously on the move, either providing water for displaced Sudanese or working at border refugee camps.



A life in the balance: Lady Ewart-Biggs in Sudan

UNICEF aircraft rushed medical supplies to the South in response to an outbreak of "severe gastro enteritis" but rumoured to be cholera.

A joint Oxfam/UNICEF drought surveillance team in the Kordofan and Darfur regions assessed child nutrition. Two hundred thousand oral rehydration sachets were sent to the refugee camp in the Kassala area. And so it went on.

The relief workers rush from one area to another trying to plug the leaks, trying to keep pace with the crisis. But effective and courageous as their rescue operation is, the means at their disposal are woefully inadequate. So the sense of panic at the enormity of the impending catastrophe is hardly surprising.

Its origins seem, in brief, to be these. In recent years the government machinery has come increasingly under strain as it lost some of its ablest people through the lure of bigger money abroad. Furthermore there is no comprehensive agricultural policy or balanced distribution of development aid throughout the regions or even central planning of water resources.

Irrigated land is used almost exclusively for cash crops of cotton, while food crops are obliged to depend on the rains. On another count, the civil war in the South has caused disruption and ended any economic gains which might have come from its oil fields. And now the influx of refugees from drought-ridden neighbouring countries has provided a crushing burden.

The crisis came to a head through the decrease in rainfall since the early 1970s, causing the failure of the last four harvests.

But I was fortunate enough to see another picture of the Sudan, one which demonstrated the way in which people, struggling against overwhelming odds, maintain a semblance of normal family life. I remember the women, tall and infinitely graceful, in their brightly coloured "daub", carrying the "zeer" of water on their heads and grateful for UNICEF's village hand pumps which had replaced the traditional and probably polluted, well far from their villages. And the excited gaggle of mothers in the South Kordofan village of Kalba gathered together with their babies for the immunization session.

Then there was the elation of the mothers at a scheme to generate a little income and give them a greater status in the village. Each woman was given a small allotment of cultivated land and a tiny grant, which allowed her to grow vegetables or rear chickens. They had composed a song in honour of the venture and sang it at the top of their lungs when we were there.

Neither can I forget the ceremony at Dilling for the graduation of a new batch of Community Health Workers.

We arrived a little late. It was getting dark. The open air ceremony had started with the graduates sitting on one side of the horseshoe and the midwives from surrounding villages in glistening white on the other side.

We sat down and by the light of one torch – in most villagers there was no fuel to work the generator – and listened to the speeches and consumed our sticky drinks, bananas and sweets.

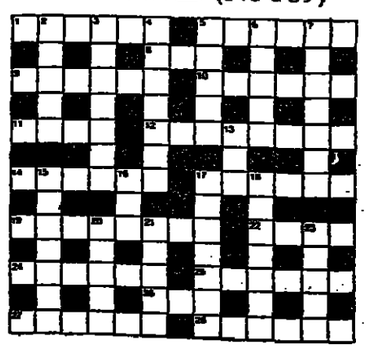
But I will also long be haunted by another memory. I mean of those places where the old traditional wells had almost run dry; and the rains, even if they came, were still two or three months away. I saw the children drinking the remaining yellow stagnant polluted water and agonized at the thought of when even that ran out.

The dark eyes of the child in the poster on the wall of the UNICEF offices in Khartoum followed me down the stairs as I left for the airport. The caption read: "What do you want to be when you grow up?", "Alive" came the answer.

In the coming months many Sudanese children will be denied that wish. The only hope of averting a human catastrophe on a huge scale is for immediate and massive aid to be forthcoming in food and support for the international relief agencies, and for long term plans to be made to prevent future disasters.

I am old fashioned enough to go on believing – and I think there are many like me – that we are all members of a world community and that we have an obligation to help the people struggling for their very existence.

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America's golden girl, Mary Decker, looks back over the seven traumatic months since she tumbled out of an Olympic track final

After the fall, Mary's still quite contrary





John Voos

Champion style: Decker in action; and with her second husband, British discus thrower Richard Slaney

Can the British stop worrying about Zola Budd and learn to love Mary Decker again? Before the incident in the Los Angeles Olympics when Decker tripped over Budd's heel, dropped out of the race, and then unfairly blamed the barefoot waif, the American blonde had been the darling of the western media. *She* had been the Zola Budd of a decade ago.

A fourteen year old athletics phenomenon in 1972, "little" Mary Decker was one of the fastest 800metres runners in the United States but was judged too young to go to the Olympics in Munich. One of many injuries that have blighted her career prevented her going to Montreal in 1976 and then President Carter decided that the Americans should boycott Moscow in 1980.

Soviet women had dominated world middle distance running during that period. But Decker put that to rights in the first athletics world championships in 1983. She won two gold medals, leading all the way in the 1,500 metres and 3,000 metres, and beating off the challenges of Soviet runners in both races.

The unsubtle American media reflected the Reaganite return to cold war attitudes. "Little" Mary Decker had repulsed the Red Menace. It was a line that most British papers were glad to reproduce. The tearful recriminations of Los Angeles a year later changed all that.

Her performance at the post-race press conference earned her the title of Whiner Of The Year from *USA Today* and it didn't earn her a lot in contracts. Her agents will concede that probably two major endorsement contracts were lost. America's golden girl had become the Wicked Witch of the West.

Suddenly commentators remembered a similar incident from the past when the then 15-year-old, sporting pigtails and teeth braces, had flung a baton at a Russian athlete who had bumped her on the anchor leg of a relay. Decker picked up the baton, jogged tearfully down the straight, and had another shy at her opponent. The skeleton of a Puerto Rican woman whom Decker had pushed in the back during an indoor race two years ago was also dragged out. "Little" Mary might be more than equal to the Red Menace but she didn't stand a change against

> **Her behaviour earned her the title of "Whiner of the Year"**

the press who, judging by her attitude now, are something akin to the Forces of Darkness.

She reserves a certain distaste for the *Daily Mail*, who had Zola Budd under exclusive contract last year. With an eye to a speedy rehabilitation of her image her coach Dick Brown and Budd's coach, Pieter Labuschagne, were arranging a reconciliation meeting between the two athletes for the end of the Olympics – but the *Mail* blocked it, says Mary.

Her attitude to the press in general was not enhanced by pushy photographers at her wedding ceremony in Crawley last Saturday to one Briton who certainly loves Mary Decker – and sufficiently well to go through a second wedding ceremony with her. Saturday was a re-run of her January marriage in Oregon to Richard Slaney, the British discus thrower whose family lives in Crawley.

"I've never seen anything like it", says Decker. "Richard's sister was pushed into the mud. It just makes me a little more callous towards the press." That callousness was immediately evident last Tuesday at the offices of the International Management Group, the agents who evidently had to persuade Miss Decker to do the interview.

In an effort to break the ice with a manifestly nervous Miss Decker, I asked when they were returning to the United States. "We're going on honeymoon first, somewhere warm, but we're not telling *you* where. We don't exactly trust *anybody* with journalistic credentials", she said.

It was not the best start to an interview. Her London agent winced but succeeded in luring a very suspicious and very large Mr Slaney out of the room, with an offer to, "come and play with my desk computer". Mrs Slaney relaxed, probably as much as she ever relaxes, talking fast on the edge of her seat and shooting nervous glances of anticipation at the door every time another outside door slammed.

She still refuses to admit she was wrong to blame Budd for the tripping incident, only going so far as conceding that she has as little experience of "pack running" as the youngster. The incident happened while they were bunched with the eventual winner, Maricica Puica of Romania.

"I honestly feel it was a complete accident and the way I look at it, accidents are caused by somebody, and at this point I'm not prepared to talk about the cause or anything else. To me it's irrelevant now. I don't want to say anything negative about Zola because I don't feel anything negative about her, but I do feel she was put in an unfair position with the press hype prior to it.

"There was this big match, and I mean, I didn't feel like there was a big match, and I'm sure she didn't. I was afraid to nudge her (in the race) to let her know she was moving in too soon, and the timidness was because of the press hype.

Decker is certainly right in her assessment of the "big match". There is no doubting Budd's potential, but if there was going to be a contest, it was always going to be between Decker and eventual winner Puica.

"I've always been a competitor, and I've always been emotional, and I think that's what makes me good. You might be praised for one side of it, but you have to realize that this is what makes the person, and I'm not a bad person. If I was, they'd have found out long ago. I've been around long enough. I haven't suddenly turned into an ogre." But to most people, including colleagues who publicly criticized her, she had.

She crept back home to Oregon to find solace in the ample arms of Slaney whom she had met two years earlier through Daley Thompson, who had trained with him. Slaney is evidently as large an emotional prop as a physical one. He helped her through the traumatic separation and divorce from her first husband, marathon runner Ron Tabb.

"Richard was, is, a really compassionate person, and he helped me a lot. He wasn't making any passes at me. He was honestly being a friend. There was no romantic relationship going on. Nobody would believe that, but it was true."

It ceased to be true by mid-1983 and after her success in the world

> **I'm competitive and emotional and that's what makes me good**

championships they decided to get married after the divorce. She refused to be drawn on whether Slaney's politeness and consideration hindered his own athletic career, in view of her belief that her own volatile nature was a competitive aid. But he has certainly changed her view of the British.

"My opinion was that they were a bit arrogant and stuffy but since I've met more people and stayed more time in England, I know that's not true. They're warm and honest . . ." She breaks off here and, either warming to the interview or realizing the uselessness of her media-phobia, glances conspiratorially at *The Times* photographer, who is now snapping away, unaware of the previous mud-raking comments and mouths. "... except the press".

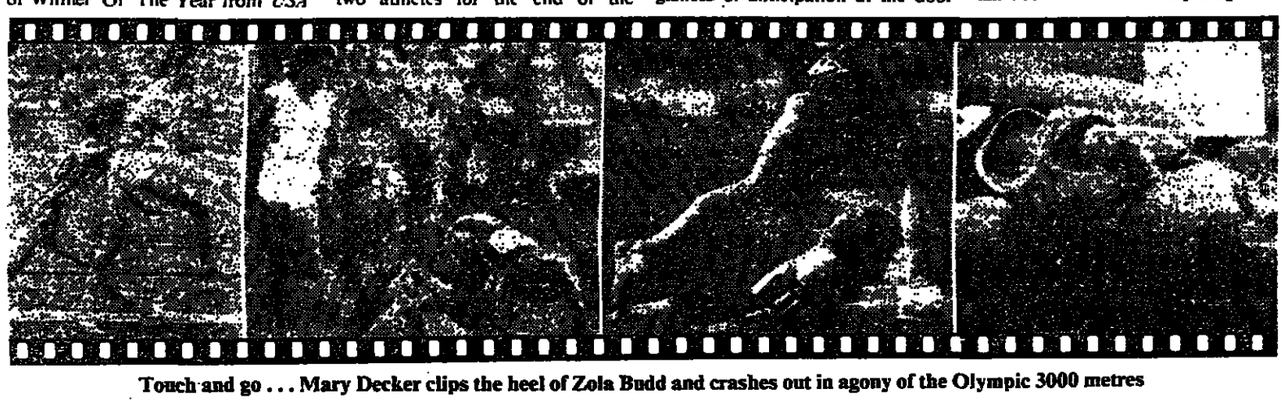
One of the great ironies, of course, considering the manner and the speed with which Budd (a South African with an English grandfather) got a British passport, is that Decker is now eligible for one and could theoretically run for Britain.

Decker is still only 26 and reckons she has eight to ten years left in the sport, which means two more Olympic chances. Current sports medical opinion is that women perform better after having a child, and that has been pencilled in for 1986. The target for this season is the 3,000 metres at the Grand Prix finals in Rome on September 9 where she expects to meet Budd.

Decker leaves on honeymoon today. As a going away present, let's give her the last word on the most famous collision since the Titanic and the iceberg. "The things that are remembered about me in 1984 are negative. The good things will stand out in my mind and over the years, there have been a lot of them".

Pat Butcher

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Touch and go . . . Mary Decker clips the heel of Zola Budd and crashes out in agony of the Olympic 3000 metres

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The kindest cut of all?



Tens of thousands of travellers to Brussels have brought back corkscrews modelled on the slightly risqué statue, Manekin Pis. A plaintiff in Britain sought and won £5,700 damages this week because a house surgeon who circumcised him failed to see that the skin was correctly aligned before he stitched the wound; thereby producing a minor variation of the deformity on the Belgian corkscrew.

Circumcision has been unfashionable in Britain since the war: Mr Norman Pitt, a Harley Street surgeon who gave evidence to the court, told *The Times* that he regretted this and did not see any sound medical reason for it. He agreed that there were occasional complications to the operation in the newly born but that it should be absolutely safe at a later age. He hoped that this mishap would not deter other surgeons.

The advocates of circumcision complain that the case against the operation was accepted in the 1940s when medical care was not so meticulous and very different standards of sexual behaviour were common.

Research workers in Australia, where the practice is still sufficiently widespread for comparison to be made, have shown that circumcision results in a marked decrease in the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases. Herpes and gonorrhoea are twice as common in the uncircumcised; the irritating thrush and the dangerous syphilis five times as common.

Cancer of the penis, and a skin disease, BXO, are two other diseases which are exceptionally rare in those who have been circumcised early.

Mr Pitt, in his evidence, quoted some of the physical and psychological advantages to female partners. The future of one of these advantages, a very low incidence of cancer of the cervix, has recently been questioned by a report published in the *British Journal of Obstetrics* on a survey of Israeli women.

This has shown that intra-epithelial malignancy of the cervix is now common; either there is some factor in Jewish women which prevents these changes progressing to overt cancer, or the women are about to pay one of the penalties for modern sexual mores.

Measles: Take the vaccine



The recent death from measles of two students at an American Christian Scientist University will have reinforced the current DHSS campaign to persuade people to have their children vaccinated.

A report from Newcastle in the *British Medical Journal* last month shows that over half of the parents interviewed in a recent survey had never discussed measles vaccination with a doctor or health worker.

Measles is responsible for over a million deaths a year among the badly nourished children in the Third World – a mortality rate of up to 20 per cent. The comparable figure in Britain now is only 0.02 per cent.

Even if a fatal outcome in measles is rare it is responsible for a host of complications such as secondary infection of the ears and conjunctiva of the eyes. These can, despite the use of antibiotics, occasionally leave the patient with lasting damage.

The brain can be attacked by the measles virus. About one in a thousand cases develop encephalitis, a complication which is particularly distressing as it occurs just when the child seems to be getting better.

Measles has one very unpleasant, but fortunately exceptionally rare, complication – subacute sclerosing panencephalitis. In these cases the virus continues to live in the brain after the end of the acute infection. The slow damage only becomes manifest some years later when the child shows signs of mental retardation and fits.

Although measles is dangerous for a few, and misery making for most of its victims, only half of British children are vaccinated. The vaccine will give life-long protection for 90 per cent of those immunised. It is free of serious side effects in children with a normal immune system, except for a slight feverish reaction. Babies are not vaccinated until after they are a year old as up to this time they are still protected by circulating antibodies acquired from their mothers.

The vaccine can be used to control an outbreak as it may be given to those recent contacts who have not previously been vaccinated. They will acquire their immunity before the disease has had time to develop.

MYTHS

There are misconceptions about some differences between diagnoses and terms used to describe symptoms:

Lumbago: Not a diagnosis but a Latin term for backache.

Sciatica: Not a specific disease, but the description of the pain which radiates down the sciatic nerve in the leg.

Jaundice: Many patients say "No doctor, I did not have hepatitis – I had jaundice". Jaundice is a name applied to the yellowing of the tissue of the body seen in infective hepatitis and other diseases.

A stroke: Term applied to the injury to the tissue of the brain following damage to its circulatory system. It is not directly related to heart attacks. Describing a heart attack after a coronary thrombosis as a stroke is incorrect.

Rheumatism: A collective term for the troubles which cause pain in the joints, muscle or fibrous tissues; it is not a precise description or diagnosis. In fact the lay term "aches and pains" is a good translation.

Arthritis: It means inflammation of a joint; the term is not synonymous with rheumatoid arthritis.

Why tumours are a headache for GPs



Morning headaches in the pre-Christmas party season barely warrant a comment at the family breakfast table. But Sue Arnold, *The Observer* columnist (pictured), is one of those lucky people who do not usually suffer from headaches. So when, in December last year, she developed one she took action.

Initially the symptoms were partially controlled by aspirin, but she noted that although only fit to mooch about the house during the day she felt well enough to attend parties in the evening.

On the fourth day, still suffering, she went to see a locum doctor who firmly diagnosed flu, an understandable mistake which must have been embarrassing to him on the fifth morning when Sue had a fit. Neurologists, after seeing an EEG and brain scan, diagnosed a cerebral tumour.

Headaches are a constant source of anxiety to doctors. Apart from intracranial causes, any of the parts of the outside of the skull – eyes, teeth, sinuses, jaws, arteries and above all the neck, can be responsible.

Sue Arnold's story will make them even more anxious and mindful of their own past diagnostic failures. Only 2,500 patients in Britain develop a primary brain tumour each year, so statistically they are a very rare cause of headache.

In retrospect there were suspicious aspects to Sue Arnold's headache; there was no previous history of headaches, it was progressive, it was not cured by simple analgesics, but conversely it was not allied to drowsiness, vomiting, or visual disturbance – symptoms classically associated with tumours.

Some change in Sue's character had been noticed by those who knew her well. She was not her usual self. Her headache, too, varied during the day; it was worse in the morning, better in the evening, but came back with renewed violence after a night's sleep; a pattern which is suspicious, but certainly not diagnostic of the presence of a tumour.

If anybody with a cerebral tumour could be described as lucky, Sue Arnold is. Her tumour, although large, was apparently a benign meningioma, and only 10 per cent of primary cerebral tumours are benign. It was removed without damage to the underlying brain so that all her faculties are preserved and her lifespan will be unaffected.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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THE TIMES DIARY

Neil puts Foot in it

Neil Kinnock's considered judgement on Lord Tonypandy's by now celebrated memoirs is that it is "a splendid book by a splendid man". That, at least, was what he wrote to the publishers, Century, when they sent *him a pre-publication copy.* And that, I presume, is what will appear on the dust-cover of any future editions. Does that mean that the Labour leader condones Lord Tonypandy's breach of confidence in reporting private conversations, which has so enraged Michael Foot, *Jim Callaghan, Eric Heffer and half* the Labour Party? "Er . . . no," says his press secretary, Patricia Hewitt, as a prelude to a confession. "To be honest, he didn't even skip through the book. Or if he did it was very big skips. He just wanted to help a former Speaker who had been a *Labour MP. He was totally unaware* of the problems the book would cause and the criticisms which Michael Foot has had of it." What was it Lord Tonypandy quoted at the party to launch the book? "Always tell the truth/No matter what it costs;/He who hides the *wrong he did/Does the wrong thing* still". How true.

Royal rate-cap

The Queen, I hear, will be asked to pay an extra £284 in rates for Balmoral Castle next year, an *increase of 8.7 per cent. She has* fared better than her subjects in the area, whose rates have been upped by an average of 18 per cent. The reason, I'm told, is that Balmoral is out *in* the sticks and therefore deemed "less easy to rent" than property closer to oil-rich Aberdeen.

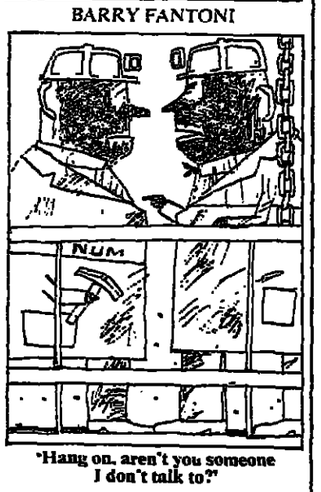
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Anti-bomb campaigners planning to visit Molesworth for the mass demonstration at Easter will have a dry weekend. The Red Lion at Clopton, the Fox at Catworth, the *Cross Keys at Molesworth, the* King's Head at Waddenhoe and the Green Man at Leighton Bronswold have already closed their doors to protesters, as has the Swan at Old Weston. "Quite frankly, they lack hygiene," says the latter's landlord, Gary Oliver. "I would like to *capitalize on their presence but we* either serve them and lose the regulars or ban them and keep the regulars." Except, of course, that if Greenham is anything to go by, the *protesters will soon be regulars.*

We shall C

When the first Command papers – ministerial green and white papers – were issued in 1883 they were simply numbered. The numbers *became too high so the prefix CD* (for Command) was used to begin a new series. For the same reason the prefixes CMD and then CMND were adopted. Almost 10,000 papers *have now been issued with CMND.* How long before Michael Heseltine and Co have to start issuing CND papers?

BARRY FANTONI



"Hang on, aren't you someone I don't talk to?"

Starting to bite

The miners who marched back to Bilston Glen colliery in Scotland yesterday found things had changed in their absence. The outbuilding that had served as the NUM office had only too obviously been used as a kennel for guard dogs brought in by the NCB. The board is *quick* to promise to find premises for them – before, presumably, the NUM calls *its men out again.*

Old medicine

When the Health Minister, Kenneth Clarke, stands up in the Commons on March 18 to argue the case for a list of prescribable drugs, opposition MPs *may care to remind him of his* answer to a question from a Labour MP, Roger Thomas, on November 22, 1983. As so many drugs are equally effective, did the minister plan to introduce such a list? Thomas asked. No, replied Clarke: "We are not convinced that such a list confining the judgment of doctors would be in the best interests of patients."

No returns

After hang-gliding from volcanoes and jumping from bridges on elastic ropes, the loonies from the Dangerous Sports Club have devised a novel entry for the St Moritz Classic Ski Race for "ski machines" on March 19. Twenty-five of them will negotiate the course in a double-decker bus mounted on skis and lifted to the mountain top by a US air force helicopter. The least of their problems, I *imagine*, will be avoiding another entrant in his Sinclair C5.

PHS

James Prior on reconciling economic rigour and social policy



How Thatcher could restore the balance

For an economist, the chief objective of economic management is to maximize the economy's output of marketable goods and services in the long term. For a politician, the objective is the same but with a number of additions and qualifications. *A politician has, for a start,* to have due regard to the social consequence of any economic policy, firstly to ensure that it is politically acceptable, and secondly because there may be occasions when economic efficiency may be less important than ensuring social welfare. *The latter may represent* either a short or long-term trade-off, and on many occasions the two objectives will be complementary rather than competitive.

In addition to promoting economic growth, government will be seeking to keep often incompatible aims in *equilibrium: a low level of* inflation, a high level of employment, an adequate industrial base, a satisfactory long-term balance of trade, an equitable and efficient distribution of income, and (depending on the fashions of the time), a reasonably stable exchange rate *that accurately reflects the nation's* competitive position.

The range of instruments by which government may seek to achieve these objectives is impressive: *monetary policy, fiscal policy,* control over levels of borrowing and spending, industrial policy, trade policy, manpower policy and, at the very least as an extensive employer, pay policy. There are in addition the political instruments: exhortation and the setting of the climate in *which economic decisions are taken* by individuals and private industry. Rhetoric is a political instrument that the present government has used particularly extensively in trying to lower expectations of what can be achieved by government.

It is one of the great successes of the Prime Minister that she and her colleagues have substantially reduced public expectations about the role of government as universal provider and longstop. Government *is now clearly seen to be fallible, and* in many situations impotent, in the face of market forces. The present administration also deserves credit for reducing inflation substantially; *for restructuring many of the* nationalized industries to enhance their competitiveness; for its attention to aspects of the supply side of the economy; and for its pursuit of value for money in public programmes.

I had my well-documented differ*ences with the Treasury over aspects* of economic policy, particularly in the period 1979-81, when I believe it was too deflationary given prevailing international conditions. Nevertheless, *during the latter part of my* period in government, I found myself in somewhat closer sympathy with the general thrust of economic policy.

Now aberrations appear to be returning. I detect in some quarters a tendency for what is a proper appreciation of current limits on what can be achieved by government action to give way to fatalism, and loss of any vision of government's constructive role.

Unemployment is the key factor which must influence the course of economic management for the foreseeable future. It is the issue behind which political pressure for adjustments to be made to present policies will continue to build up. Equally, it is difficult to envisage progress being made with the Government's objective of reducing *public expenditure while the costs of* unemployment benefit and social security remain so high. If one concludes, as I have, that high unemployment is likely to remain for a considerable period, then the likelihood is that the proportion of gdp devoted to the public sector will – quite correctly – have to remain substantial.

It is possible to argue, on a rigorous monetarist analysis, that, having set out its monetary and borrowing targets in the medium-term financial strategy (MTFS), the Government's primary role in the *economy is fulfilled. However,* governments have to administer policies in the world as they find it, not as model makers would have it be. The logical extension of the first proposition is that, *having set out* the MTFS, everyone should plan accordingly; and if one group of workers demand too much money and put either themselves or others out of work, that is their own fault – and the workforce as a whole must live with the consequences.

But *in a situation in which* excessive wage increases continue to be an important cause of steadily increasing unemployment, there has to be a point where, having identified this problem, government has to consider the case for intervention. The evidence is that all too often *those who have lost their* jobs have not been the ones who insisted on winning irresponsible pay increases.

Through careful adjustments to *the tax system, either to aid small* businesses or to increase incentives among the lower-paid, the levels of employment can be increased. A determined labour market policy should improve the employability of young people by giving them a structured transition between school and work, such as the Youth Training Scheme is designed to do. By raising their skill levels, government is already having a significant impact on unemployment. Through *an imaginative and flexible* industrial policy, including subsidies for restructuring ageing industries and promoting the use of new technology, and through careful use of *public procurement, the Govern*ment can – and already does – reduce unemployment.

In addition, through policies at the international level designed to give new trading opportunities, to deal with the debt crises, or to stabilize exchange rates, government has a central role in creating the conditions for increased employment.

Acceptance that traditional full employment may not be attainable *for the foreseeable future must* surely have a profound impact on both economic and social policy. If the problem can no longer be solved by traditional economic manage*ment, then other means, principally* social policy, must be used to ameliorate it. This Government has been slow to come to terms with the fact that economic recovery alone will not be sufficiently dramatic to *turn the tide of unemployment.*

I regret that, in recent years, "social" policy has, in some circles, acquired connotations of intellectual flabbiness and evasion, lacking the *rigour claimed by the practitioners* of economic policy. To my mind, social policy in a democracy is an *essential* adjunct to economic policy. It should offset the undesirable effects of any particular economic policy and help to maintain the cohesion of the *political unit in which economic* policy is practised.

The mood of the country is clear: that unemployment is the greatest economic problem. I believe that most people give a lower priority to tax cuts, a higher one to expenditure programmes targeted to help those out of work. The incentive effects on employment and initiative of more *cuts in direct taxation can be* exaggerated.

Raising thresholds substantially at the lower end of the tax scale is an extremely expensive and ill-focused way of helping those *families* dependent on low incomes. By concentrating on this, government would help large numbers of young workers and married women, but relatively few heads of households. A tax cut I should prefer would be to raise, or at least stagger, the *threshold for national insurance* contributions, which currently bears heavily on the low-paid and acts as an incentive for employers to take on part-time workers as distinct *from full-timers.*

The greatest change in tax, which I believe should be introduced gradually, is the merging of tax and national insurance schemes and *their integration with the benefits* system. I can see no other effective way of tackling poverty or of removing the poverty trap and the residual unemployment trap.

The central point about the management of public expenditure in future is that a clearer distinction should be drawn between capital and current spending. It can be argued that *the short-run economic* impact of either is not dissimilar, but the long-term difference in terms of crumbling infrastructure is all too apparent. In the short term, the employment effects of *many* capital programmes are markedly less than direct spending on employment projects.

None the less much of our infrastructure is now in such a poor condition that there is no shortage of *worthwhile projects offering an* economic return, which would also enhance the nation's long-term productive potential. Treasury-inspired refusal to distinguish in the PSBR between capital and current spending is symptomatic of a more general *malaise* in the setting of *public expenditure priorities.*

It is perhaps time that the "Star Chamber" was replaced by a more permanent management system, intended to operate throughout the year, to set priorities and examine individual spending programmes, and to prepare proposals for *reasoned, collective decision* in Cabinet.

The economic arguments against Britain's full membership of the *European Monetary System* were at *one time* persuasive. It would have been perilous to take sterling into the exchange rate mechanism in 1979-81 when there was a wide divergence of economic policies in the Community and when the oil price was having such a dramatic upward effect on the pound. These *dangers have lost much of their* force and the EMS has shown itself to be a great deal more robust than many thought possible.

I hope that the Government will *review the issue again in the near* future and join. Such a move would assist the pound's stability against other European currencies.

I remain sceptical about the role of government in managing the economy. Primarily because the world economic structure has changed, *traditional demand* management policies can no longer play such a central role as they did up to the mid-1970s. There is, however, no need for scepticism to become *defeatism. Governments retain a,* formidable power to influence their national economies, and are by no means powerless acting together on an international scale.

It is *important for them to use* these powers responsibly and imaginatively, so long as they realize what are the limits of any government's ability to deliver. We must escape from a dialogue of absolutes. Government is not able to guarantee full employment but it can influence the level of employment. Fixed exchange rates are no longer possible but collective action can control some of the volatility. Governments are neither all-powerful nor impotent and *I hope that after the* nightmares of the Seventies some degree of equilibrium can be restored in the debate about their role.

The author, Conservative MP for Lowestoft, was Employment Secretary 1979-81 and Northern Ireland Secretary 1981-84. This article is extracted from one to be published next week in the first issue of Catalyst, *a journal of policy debate, available from 4 Hobart Place, London SW1.*

Max Beloff

Why Labour must abandon Utopia

The Labour Party's *problems elicit* different explanations from within its own ranks. There are those to whom the policies of the present government are, in the fashionable phrase, so "divisive" that its standing in the country can be seen only as the product of deception and *the accidental workings of the* electoral system. If Labour can only hold together, the good sense of the country will ensure a rallying of support leading to a triumphant majority representing a large national consensus.

Others take the opposite view, *that the weakness Labour has* generally shown in opposition is above all due to a willingness to dilute its ideals and thus compete on ground not of its own choosing. According to this view the delusions from which the electorate suffer must be left to work themselves out, *even if it takes some time; the* remnant of the socialist faithful must be prepared to retreat behind their ideological ramparts, to sustain their socialist vision in the certainty that they will ultimately triumph. However bitter the struggle, history is on their side and they cannot fail.

Yet what the former section of Labour opinion recognizes only fitfully and the latter not at all is that the truth of the matter lies elsewhere. Two distinct issues have been wittingly or unwittingly confused. In any industrial society in which there is freedom of political activity, *it is almost certain that at* least one major party will come to represent by and large the interests of organized labour; the association between industrial and political activity may take many different forms, whether in Western Europe, North America or Australasia. In Britain one must assume that the Labour Party will be there to celebrate its centenary in the year 2000. But this is not the same thing as saying that a party preaching *"socialism" must continue to have* such a place. By the time the next century arrives, socialism in the West may come to have a purely antiquarian interest; socialists will be as rare as Jacobites after the Forty-five rebellion.

While social utopianism may have had a part to play in winning over middle-class adherents – the same kind of people as those who went in for pacifism, vegetarianism, theosophy, feminism – Labour's *appeal to the working class at its* beginning was a material one. Socialism was advanced as a method of raising the general standard of living, spreading to the masses what *had been the prerogatives of the few,* and eliminating the age-old scourge of poverty. But that it would do all this had to be take on trust. Actual experience except on a tiny scale was totally lacking.

By now, on the contrary, there is plenty of experience, and the problem for western socialists has been to argue it away. Socialism in *the Soviet Union will soon have* been in place for 70 years. From the beginning its failures to deliver the goods – in the most literal sense – were explained away by the ravages of the war and civil war, by the backwardness of the people and the hostility of the international en*vironment.*

But then came the experience of the countries of Eastern Europe, which have now had almost 40 years of socialism. There, despite the fact *that several began with a much* stronger economic substructure and a much more advanced population *than what Russia enjoyed in 1917,* the lesson has been the same. Nor can Soviet exploitation be blamed; Yugoslavia, which is outside Soviet control, has done no better.

Finally, there has been even more recent experience with the newly emancipated states of the Third World; there again wherever prosperity has advanced and living conditions improved, it has been a result of the releasing of individual economic energies. Wherever socialism has been tried, productivity has fallen, often dangerously. This is especially true of Africa whether we think of the Marxian socialism of a Mengistu or a Mugabe or the "African" socialism of a Nyerere. It could be said of Africa that the cruelties of nature have been *compounded* by the follies of its rulers.

If Warsaw and Havana, Kiev and Maputo all tell the same story, why should one expect it to be ignored? Why socialism has failed can of course be explained on many different levels of sophistication. *What is easiest to grasp is that its* theorists have from the beginning ignored the importance of production as compared with ownership and distribution, as though the *conditions making for the actual* production of wealth, given the niggardliness of nature and the natural sloth of man, did not require all the energy and ingenuity of which societies are capable.

Socialists often taunt their critics with concentrating on balance sheets at the expense of humanity. Yet as experience fortifies the teachings of common sense, it is widely understood that there is no such opposition. On the ultimate balance-sheet *what is not produced cannot* be consumed; all socialism has done is to ensure that the lion's share of diminishing production goes to a state bureaucracy. Socialism should *not be seen as the objective of the* Labour movement but as the albatross around its neck.

Lord Beloff, Emeritus Fellow of All Souls, Oxford, is a former adviser to the Conservative Research Department.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

OK fellers, get in line

President Reagan announced yesterday that he planned to extend the technique of the short, sharp shock to more countries under his control.

This should not be confused with how we use the term in Britain, where the short, sharp shock is a *technique for taking naive delin*quents and turning them into fit, resilient criminals.

In America it means throwing your weight and a lot of dollars behind the strong, authoritarian head of a country, preferably of military rank and preferably not elected. The friendly head then gives a short, sharp shock to his own country, as often as possible.

"We prefer these friendly heads not to be elected," said Reagan, "*because it seems a shame to put so* much covert, that is completely open, support behind a man who could be voted out of office. Our system of democracy is all right for America but I don't see it working elsewhere. In Britain, I don't see it working."

This technique has often been criticized in the past, on the basis that American support tends to make the friendly dictator big-headed, which gives his own subjects a bigger subject to aim at. The Americans backed the Shah, who was thrown out. They backed Sadat and he was assassinated.

"That's all in the past," says Reagan. "We've improved our technique now. We backed General Zia and Mrs Gandhi got shot. We backed President Marcos – and the head of the opposition got shot. In case that sounds a bit hard-hearted." *continued the president with the* familiar twinkle, "don't forget that we backed Mr Trudeau in Canada – *and I got shot!"*

And yet there are strong men round the world whom the Americans refuse to back. Is he thinking of offering support to the Ayatollah Khomeini?

"What, and get the Pope shot again?" twinkles Reagan. "No, seriously, the Iranian leader refuses support from anyone, so we naturally are backing his opponents *in the war and giving as much help* as we can to the Iroquois."

The Iroquois?

"Well, whoever lives in Iraq."

What does the president think of the alternative technique of sending troops in to subvert and bring down an undesirable government?

"There is no way the Russian action in Afghanistan can be justified."

No, no – we were thinking of Nicaragua.

"Well, now, Nicaragua is a completely different pot of beans. It is a completely independent country in Central America and as such, we have the right to say what government it should adopt. As, however, they show no signs of *listening to us, I intend to apply the* short, sharp shock treatment to the Sandinistas."

Send them all to the electric chair?

"Wrong again. I intend to throw *my full support behind President* Ortega and give him as much aid and money as he wants."

What would be the aim of this sensational reversal of policy?

"Well, either it would make him so unpopular and distrusted by his own people that they would throw him out."

Or?

"Or it won't. Either way, we have him where we want him. A deeply worried man. And now, if you'll *excuse me, I have to give this whole* press conference again in Spanish. Thank you, my fellow Americans and illegal immigrants . . ."

As the president spoke, Congress issued *a routine repudiation of what* the president had said, and promised to study his words later.

Stop press. Recruiting has started for a new band of freedom fighters who will be trained in America and sent to New Zealand to help liberate the country, or at least to *destabilize* the government. The so-called democratically elected government of New Zealand has recently taken an anti-nuclear stance, that is to say anti-American, and the American government simply cannot countenance having a pro-Cuban, pro-Soviet presence in that part of the world. Not that there *is* anything else in that part of the world. Which makes it all *the more vital.* Or something.

Up to $80m worth of covert funds is being made available for this *mission.* Recruiting is being kept low key at the moment, and in fact this announcement is the only one to have been made in the European press so far, as *Moreover* readers have a very aggressive, freedom-loving hawkish profile and are generally pretty short of ready funds. Most of *them would dearly love a* life of adventure but are forced through no fault of their own to *work as housewives, bishops, intel*lectuals and in other menial professions. This could be their big *chance.*

Applicants should be able to talk New Zealand, engage in unarmed combat with sheep, like trees and participate in long gruelling conversations about rugby. *They must* undertake not to sue *Time,* CBS, *Private Eye,* etc, and thus draw attention to *their activities.* Write in complete secrecy to Covert Operations (NZ), White House, Washing*ton DC,* enclosing a reply coupon (dollars, not sterling).

Good luck.

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On the eve of the Geneva arms talks, John Barry outlines the choice facing the Kremlin

Can the nuclear road map lead to a deal?

Geneva in January was the last old-style arms negotiation. Geneva next week will see the first of the new. That, at any rate, is the hopeful theory in Washington.

In January, George Shultz and Andrei Gromyko each gave just enough to induce the other back to the table. It was a grudging affair. Gromyko got US agreement at least to discuss President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative – "Star Wars" – while he agreed to discuss Soviet *missile-defence programmes.* On offensive missiles, Gromyko was obliged to drop all Soviet prior demands. As to how offence and defence might be linked, the joint communiqué was superbly vague.

On the face of it, then, it is surprising that a pastoral calm has *settled over the top US officials* preparing for the talks. Instead of the semi-public brawl which characterized arms-control policy-making in the first Reagan administration, the scene now is one of discreet and purposeful confidence.

Partly, this reflects personalities. Shultz, Secretary of *State, has a* degree of power over policy-making in this area that no official had *during Reagan's first term.* At his side, the brains to his brawn, he has Paul Nitze, accorded the status of an office next to his own. (In Washington, such symbols matter.)

Nitze has brought to the State Department all the scepticism about "bad" arms control which infused many of the Defence *Department's* positions last time. Nitze's presence, in other words, internalizes the State/Defence *conflicts. Hence* the outer calm.

More importantly, the US pos*ition has changed. The Reagan* administration has abandoned for all practical purposes the hope of negotiating meaningful arms reductions. Instead, it has decided to seek what it takes to be the main goal of arms control – enhanced security and strategic stability – through its own efforts. That *means* anti-missile defences.

The most dramatic of those *efforts over the next two decades* or so will be SDI. But within 10 years the US could have land-based defences around its missile silos and command posts.

It was Nitze, just before Christmas, who gave intellectual shape to this new doctrine: "For the next 10 years, *we should seek a radical* reduction in the number and power of existing and planned offensive and defensive nuclear arms, whether land-based, space-based or otherwise. We should be looking forward to a period of transition, beginning possibly 10 years from now, to *effective non-nuclear defence forces,* including defences against offensive nuclear arms. This period of transition should lead to the eventual elimination of nuclear arms, both offensive and defensive. A nuclear-free world is an ultimate objective to which we, the Soviet Union and all other nations can agree."

That, Nitze said, would provide *the basis for the US approach to the* coming talks. The US will therefore urge the Russians to join it in developing a combination of offensive and defensive weapons. If they choose not to, the US will go it alone.

If Moscow wants to dissuade the US from the course it has set, it will have to propose some other way of achieving that end. The US is firmly convinced that it is up to the Russians to make an offer.

Hence the calm. Ever since the *first strategic arms talks in 1969,* a changing cast of Washington officials has squabbled over an unchanging set of questions. What would be a desirable arms control deal? What would be a negotiable deal? How and when should Washington try to bridge the gulf *between those two?*

This time, Washington is leaving all that to Moscow. The US *delegation at Geneva will unfold* what insiders are calling "the road map", laying out its new strategic concept and showing in detail how both sides should navigate through the phases Nitze's formula prescribes.

In brief, the US will argue that in *1972 the Salt-1 agreement embodied* a bargain. Both superpowers committed themselves to strategic stability through limitation of offensive forces, and on that basis signed the anti-ballistic missile treaty forswearing defences. Now, say the Americans, the bargain has broken down, principally because of the increased number of Soviet warheads. So it is up to Moscow to *suggest how the bargain might be* revived, or to accept that the US is serious about restoring what it sees as its lost security by its own means.

One early Soviet proposal will almost certainly be that both sides reaffirm the anti-ballistic missile treaty. The US will promptly agree – indeed will propose this if the Russians do not. But here too the US will say it is for the Russians to suggest how it might be done – since the Soviet construction and testing of the three tiers of radar needed by a land-based ABM system has all but undermined the treaty. The American price for some ringing reaffirmation, therefore, will be Soviet actions to dismantle those radars, plus rewording of the treaty to plug the loopholes the Russians have been exploiting.

In his private correspondence with President Reagan in November, President Chernenko apparently offered "radical reductions" in missile forces. More recently the Soviet ambassador in Washington has been saying that Moscow will offer the "deep cuts" that Carter sought in vain. But careful reading of Gromyko's post-Geneva press *conference suggests that those cuts* may exclude the Soviet heavy missiles which most concern the US.

Washington will not dismiss such an offer but will describe it as "cosmetic" and offer little or nothing in return. If Moscow wants a serious bargain, it will have to *offer much more.*

Behind this US negotiating strategy lies the confidence that America occupies the high ground. Already, the prospect of MX and Trident 2 is forcing the Russians to put their missiles on wheels or rails. Further off is the cost to the *Russians of matching US spending* on SDI. "People say it's wrong of us to try to spend the Soviets into arms control," one US official said. "Why? If our missiles can't force them into an agreement, perhaps our money can."

But the most fundamental ques*tions are those whose answers are* best concealed. What would Moscow have to offer to persuade the Americans to consider aborting the Star Wars programme? And could Reagan ever be persuaded to abandon his dream?

As to the first, the calculation most commonly heard is that a 50 per cent cut in Soviet warheads – down to about 4,000 – would represent a real cut in first-strike potential. Even that might not be enough, however, since nobody on *the US side can figure out how a* corresponding ban on Soviet research activity could ever be *monitored in a way acceptable to* both Kremlin and Congress.

And would Reagan *ever* give up Star Wars? Nobody knows. But, it is being speculated, the real reason Shultz brought heavyweights like Nitze, Senator John Tower and Max Kampelman to the heart of the US team is not to persuade Congress to back some future deal. Reagan has unmatched skills and authority for *that. The real strength of Shultz's* team may just be that it could persuade the president.

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meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

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TAXING THE NEST-EGG

Taxing what has not been taxed is rarely popular. That, however, should not deter the Chancellor of the Exchequer from making a start in his Budget on March 19 in reducing the extraordinary tax privileges enjoyed by Britain's private pension schemes.

The rapid growth of pension funds in recent years, allied to the reliefs they enjoy, has opened up a hole in the revenue from income tax estimated at almost £5 billion in the current financial year. "Lost" revenue has to be replaced: by charging tax at higher rates and at lower levels of income than would otherwise be necessary – at the expense of work incentives.

Nigel Lawson has rightly adopted as a principle for reform that taxes should be levied at the lowest possible rate on the broadest practical base to lessen their disincentive effect. That in itself would be a good enough reason to reform pension tax reliefs in a year when Mr Lawson's Budget priority is to restructure tax and social security to stimulate employment.

A regime of high taxes with wide exemptions also distorts people's behaviour. Tax-induced distortions have been particularly glaring in the savings market, often favouring institutional over individual forms of saving. And after earlier moves towards fiscal neutrality, such as the abolition of life assurance premium relief, the status of pension funds looks even more illogical.

Private pension provisions, in particular large scale occupational pensions, are making a great and increasing contribution to transforming the living standards that millions of people can look forward to in retirement. They also lessen the burdens of poverty relief that fall on the state and on present taxpayers. Without such favourable tax treatment, they would not have grown so fast.

But the pension scheme is not such a perfect form of saving that it calls for unique encouragement on the grand scale. In particular, it reduces people's flexibility and control of their own savings and, aside from the restricted lump sum that may be commuted from pensions on retirement, directs savings into a form that cannot be inherited, thus hindering the natural spread of wealth.

Reform will not be easy. As the intensive pensions lobby has pointed out over the past few months, a comprehensive attempt to achieve fiscal neutrality between pension funds and other savings would kill the goose and leave a less than golden egg. The cost to employers, who pay most of the contributions, would be increased so much that many would wind up their schemes altogether.

Even tinkering needs greater care and sensitivity than the Chancellor displayed in his treatment of life assurance tax relief last year. An individual's pension contract can last 60 years and the funds themselves are continuing common pools, requiring, for equity, equal tax treatment of all members.

Under the present regime, pensions when they are paid are taxed. There is no tax up to that point. Individuals' contributions are fully tax deductible. Employers' contributions are deductible for corporation tax but not treated as income of the employee.

The pension funds themselves are exempt from tax on their investment returns and - an anomaly even under the present regime - lump sums commuted on retirement are free of tax. The tax on pensions, though rising as a proportion of the reliefs on contributions, will never match the £6.8 billion gross cost of all these privileges.

Those in the pensions industry most anxious to maintain the present regime have, in effect, offered taxation of lump sums as a sacrificial lamb to appease the Treasury. That would do no harm to pension funds and might indeed improve their cash flow. As Mr Lawson has already discovered, however, it would upset the long-laid plans of many individuals.

The rush of managers queuing for early retirement to beat the threat has forced him to rule out any sudden change and with that, any substantial revenue from that particular source for many years. Indeed, given their wealth-spreading virtues and their likely crucial role in developing personal portable pensions, for which their tax attractions are a vital selling point, he might well decide it is better to spare the lump sums from taxation altogether.

There is more logic in taxing the investment returns within pension funds. On the face of it that could harm employment by increasing employers' costs. On one calculation, a full 30 per cent tax could more than double the pension contributions required from employers to maintain present pension terms. In practice, recent high investment returns have left the average fund with a comfortable surplus. This could be used to raise benefits or cut costs.

But there is a strong case for using this opportunity to introduce a modest level of taxation. A 7½ per cent tax, yielding more than £600 million a year, could probably be met without generally higher contributions.

Any serious attempt to remove tax distortion of the pattern of savings must, however, start with the reliefs on contributions, which make pensions more attractive, at the moment the individual makes his decisions, than almost any other form of saving. It would be impractical to switch from taxing pensions to taxing contributions or to tax all contributions fully in the hands of an employee.

If, however, the employee were taxed on, say, a quarter of his own and his employer's contributions, that would achieve a rough measure of tax neutrality for the individual and avoid any substantive accusations of double taxation. There is also some case for restricting relief for higher-rate taxpayers.

Such changes should be approached with caution. They must be tied in with any plans for reforming the state pension scheme, which Mr Fowler has now decided is here to stay. There will be arguments over the apportionment of employers' contributions. But if the Chancellor sensibly confines himself to a tax on pension fund income this year, he should not let himself be deflected from carrying reform further next time.

CRAXI GOES TO CONGRESS

This week it was the Prime Minister of Italy's turn to address a joint session of both Houses of Congress. Such formal addresses by visiting foreign leaders, formerly very rare, have become a more regular occurrence in the last year or two.

Signor Bettino Craxi, though he spoke as Chairman of the European Council as well as on behalf of his country, did not attract as much attention in the US as Mrs Thatcher had done. A House subcommittee hearing on aid to Israel was able to continue undisturbed while he was speaking, with the defection of only one member who happened to have an Italian surname. This was partly, no doubt, because Signor Craxi spoke in his native tongue. But there is more to it than that. As the first woman Prime Minister of Britain, and as the victor of the Falklands war, Mrs Thatcher has a capacity to arouse interest and curiosity in the US which few foreign leaders can equal.

Signor Craxi cannot quite compete with these advantages. Yet he is by no means a negligible figure. He is, perhaps, a less amiable man than Italian prime ministers have traditionally been. But the other side of that coin is that he is more forthright. One knows where he stands, and on the issues which matter most to the US administration – East-West relations, defence, and specifically the deployment of cruise missiles – he stands in the right place. Like his fellow-socialist President Mitterrand he has favourably surprised Americans by being firmer on such issues than his non-socialist predecessors – and whereas President Mitterrand initially inspired American distrust by bringing communists into government with him, Signor Craxi rose to power by curing his party of its inferiority complex about the communists.

Thanks in part to him, Italy is taken more seriously these days on the international scene. He was able to remind his American audience that Italian and American soldiers had served together in Beirut and are still doing so in Sinai, while their navies cooperated in last year's minesweeping exercise in the Red Sea. He was also able to claim victory in the hard fought battle against terrorism, not mentioning that in 1978 his party favoured concessions to the kidnappers of Aldo Moro while the communists were for standing firm. No matter. It is true that in the last few years the Italian State has reasserted itself and that terrorism, while not extinguished, is no longer the omnipresent social menace that it was.

Signor Craxi is one of a group of western leaders who, accepting Mr Reagan's leadership even when they have reservations about some of his specific policies, have given a new coherence to the Atlantic Alliance. Italian reservations were certainly implicit in his insistence on the right of the Chilean people to free elections and his warning that we should not tolerate those dictators who at times speak in the name of the western world although they have nothing in common, and cannot have anything in common with Western free democracies. On the strategic defence initiative, in giving strong support to the research programme while insisting on the importance of the ABM treaty and on the need for negotiations before deployment, he voiced what is now emerging as a clear European consensus. He spoke for Europe, too, in welcoming next week's resumption of arms control negotiations, while implicitly recognizing that the only hope of success lies in the maintenance of western unity and strength.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Last weekend General Zia announced the terms of the new order he has decided to ordain in Pakistan. Though intended as a return to democracy, it is a thinly disguised continuation of dictatorship. The real essence of what will happen on March 23 when the new constitution is enforced, is the replacement of Zia the military ruler by Zia the newly civilian autocrat. He may be shedding his army uniform but he is keeping his absolute power.

On the surface, there have been elections, there is a national assembly and there will be a civilian Prime Minister. That is the democratic façade. However, long before they were held, the elections were vitiated by the ban on political parties, the arrest or detention of most opposition leaders, and the prohibition of public meetings. Now, the national assembly and prime minister have been debilitated by the constitution.

At the centre is an omnipotent president – Zia himself, who in December sneaked past the electorate behind the guise of a referendum on his policy of Islamisation. The constitution has now revealed the full extent of his power. He will appoint the prime minister, the Cabinet, the four provincial governors and the corresponding chief ministers. He can dissolve the Assembly whenever he wants. He can order a referendum on any issue he chooses. As supreme commander of the armed forces he will personally select the three service heads. Furthermore, as if there was any need for it, he has also dealt himself what amounts to a veto on legislation.

Finally, the constitution has no provision for impeaching the new president. Although he denies it, few other civilian executive heads of state are so powerful in their own right as President Zia will be.

In defence of his new order, the General has claimed that the powers of the President will be no different to those of the American or French executives. That is simply not true. They are directly elected. He is not.

He became president first and then created a constitution around his own chosen definition of his role. He has admitted that he may yet further refine his system by announcing additions to his own constitution.

For most Pakistanis the details of the new constitution are not needed to see through the General's game. They point to the fact that martial law will continue long after the new system is inaugurated later this month. Zia has said he is only maintaining it to ensure a stable transition and that thereafter it will be repealed in stages. The problem is that Zia himself will determine whether the requisite stability has been achieved, and so far he has patently refused to say what the stages of its repeal will be.

Whilst martial law lasts, no matter what Zia or his apologists may claim, the army is not far behind. What is happening in Pakistan is not so much democratisation so much as a legitimisation of one man's rule. The elections provided cover whilst the General changed clothes. The new constitution simply seeks to give a statutory authority to what were, and remain, arbitrary powers. Under the pretext of transferring or sharing power, Zia ul Huq has kept it securely for himself. The only difference is: for General Zia henceforth read President Zia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christian record in Namibia

From the Bishop of Stepney and Mr Terry Waite

Sir, We write as Christians who know, love and admire the Anglican Church in Namibia and its Bishop, James Kauluma.

Mr Nicholas Winterton and others visited Namibia as guests of the South African Administrator General. They have produced a report which has been widely circulated and which we believe to be misleading. We quote:

1. We were impressed by the degree to which apartheid is not visually evident.

It is difficult to imagine how any visitor could come to this conclusion. The group visited black townships; they must presumably know about the whites' hospital in Windhoek, the overall effects of education provision and the distinction made between whites and blacks, e.g., at road blocks. The report rightly calls for AG8 to be rescinded because ethnicity is no longer a fundamental factor, but at the same time seeks to undermine UN resolution 435, which provides the international basis for independence.

2. The MPs' report continues:

Our overall impression of the Anglican representatives was that they were unfairly biased in their viewpoint, particularly when compared with the Roman Catholic Church.

But our own Anglican delegation in fact visited many Church leaders and members of all denominations in the Council of Churches and concluded: "The unity and determination of the Christian Church is remarkable and an example to Christendom". The churches have enough burdens to carry without attempts by visitors to create divisions where they do not exist. Bishop James is the President of the Council of Churches and carries the confidence of all its members, including the Roman Catholic Church.

3. The MPs' report also says:

Some of us were impressed by the Anglican Church in Namibia's apparent open commitment to SWAPO, and that they have little confidence in members of the other internal parties.

We feel this simply shows that the Anglican Church is truly representative of the people of Namibia, the vast majority of whom support SWAPO. The South African Government obviously is aware of this and fears elections for that reason. The Anglican Church, like the other churches, is opposed to violence, but it is important to remember that the illegal South African regime is the aggressor.

Yours faithfully,
†JAMES STEPNEY,
TERRY WAITE
(Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs),
23 Tredegar Square, EC3.
March 6.

'Tougher' trend

From the Chairman of the Howard League

Sir, The Home Secretary's decision to extend the "tougher" regime to all detention centres as from March 6 (report, February 14) is to be deplored on two counts. Firstly, it rejects the principle that the custodial sentence is intended as a punishment and not for punishment. Since the report in 1970 by the Advisory Council on the Penal System much progress had been made by the Prison Department to eliminate deliberately punitive aspects of detention centres.

This trend is now to be reversed. In particular, the first two weeks of the new regime (the minimum sentence after remission) will, in Leon Brittan's words, "highlight basic and unpopular work such as scrubbing floors, increased emphasis on parades and inspections; and minimal privileges and association". The only explicitly punitive institutions within the prison system are exclusively to be for its younger inmates (900 14-year-olds passed through detention centres in 1983).

Secondly, Mr Brittan's decision rejects research findings provided by his own department. Honouring a manifesto commitment, Lord Whitelaw announced in October, 1979, that two experimental "tougher" regime detention centres would be evaluated. A careful and expensive study was published in July, 1984.

However, Mr Brittan had announced, prior to receiving the report (on April 11, 1984, to Wessex magistrates) that "there will be some features of the tougher regime which we shall want to maintain or adapt for use in detention centres generally".

The research demonstrated that the tougher regimes had no discernible individual or general deterrent effect. Nothing in the research indicated that the tougher regime would reduce the 70 per cent reconviction rate (over 24 months) of detention centres. It is probable that Lord Whitelaw would have used the research findings to disarm the shrill punitive elements within his party.

For Mr Brittan and his political advisers, image appears to take precedence and this bodes ill for rational policy on criminal justice.

Yours faithfully,
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322 Kennington Park Road, SE11.

Tongue-tripping

From Mr Nelson Ford

Sir, Today in court a defendant stated that he and his wife were now recognised.

My favourite still is the defendant who claimed that he was only in receipt of infidelity benefit.

Yours faithfully,
NELSON FORD,
Clerk to the Justices, County of Stafford, Petty Sessional Division of Newcastle-under-Lyme,
Court House, Ryecroft,
Newcastle, Staffordshire.
February 26.

Budget relief for lower paid

From Mr Tim Yeo, MP for Suffolk South, and others

Sir, There is widespread agreement within the Conservative Party that the forthcoming Budget must give priority to reducing the burden of taxation on the lower paid and improving the incentives for unemployed people to seek work.

The Third Term Group of backbenchers, which is concerned with the development of policies up to and beyond the next election, entirely shares these aims. However, we do not believe that raising income tax thresholds is the most effective way of achieving them.

Whatever sum the Chancellor decides to "give away" on Budget Day, low earners would enjoy a much larger increase in take-home pay if the relief was granted by raising the lower earnings limit for employees' National Insurance contributions, currently 9 per cent of all wages between £34 and £250 per week and payable by many employees whose wages are too low to be taxable.

If £1.5 billion were available, for example, employees earning up to £100 per week could be entirely relieved of National Insurance contributions and those earning up to £120 per week could enjoy partial relief.

This change would be worth £9 per week to a married man earning £100 per week, compared with a gain of only £1.80 if the £1.5 billion was devoted to raising tax thresholds.

A married man earning £63 per week gains nothing from higher tax thresholds but would be £5.67 per week better off if he did not pay National Insurance contributions.

Our proposal would improve incentives because take-home pay from lower paid jobs, which offer the best hope of employment for many of the unemployed, especially young people, would be substantially increased.

We recognise that those earning over £120 per week would not benefit directly from our proposal, though they would still gain from the automatic indexation of personal tax allowances. However, it is our view that this year most people in work earning reasonable sums are ready to make this sacrifice.

We also recognise that a radical reform of the whole National Insurance system, including the contributory principle, would be needed to prevent those employees who would no longer pay contributions from losing entitlement to benefit.

Yours faithfully,
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ANDREW J. MACKAY,
DAVID HARRIS,
W. BENYON,
SYDNEY CHAPMAN,
VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY,
JOHN HANNAM,
BOWEN WELLS,
STEVE NORRIS,
House of Commons.
March 4.

Broadcasting's future

From Mr James Roberts-Wray

Sir, Regarding the discussion on introducing limited advertising to the BBC, surely the obvious programmes to contain commercials are those bought by the BBC. Among these, American imports are, of course, designed to have advertising breaks, and long films could certainly benefit from them.

In this way a reduced licence fee would go solely to support the BBC's own product, which, itself uninterrupted by commercials, would ensure its continued quality.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES ROBERTS-WRAY,
124 Gloucester Terrace, W2.
March 1.

From Mr David Nathan

Sir, Of course the BBC needs more money. Needing to do some research for a book, I asked to see four one-hour programmes made in 1976. I was told that as a technician had to be present throughout, the viewing charge would be £50 an hour.

My future royalties being unlikely to bring in £200 in the course of one afternoon, I had to decline.

But clearly, if it costs the BBC some £400 a day to provide this service which, they assured me, was non-profit-making, a £65 licence fee is barely adequate.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID NATHAN,
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Brentford, Middlesex.

From Mr S. J. Gross

Sir, It is no doubt bad for one's health, but I do get so cross when I read statements like "The simple fact, acknowledged by anyone who has made a serious comparison", is that the British system "produces the best television in the world", (David Watt, February 22).

What makes it a fact, simple or other? I suspect David Watt principally has in mind American television, dominated by advertising, and French television, controlled by the State. But has he really studied the comparative merits of, say, Swedish, Danish, German, Swiss or Italian television, let alone that of Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore or wherever?

And who does he mean by "anyone"? Is it someone who (like myself, I have to admit) shares his subjective prejudices about his own familiar television? Or is it simply that no comparison can possibly be "serious" unless it yields the required answer?

I simply do not believe that every "serious" analyst of television in countries other than Britain really comes up with the answer that "British is best".

So I file this statement away with similar ones like "We produce the cheapest deep-mined coal . . .", "Our car workers are the most skilled . . .", "Our National Health Service provides the best service . . .", "Our footballers are . . .", but it would be unkind to continue.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. GROSS,
38 Barnes Court, Station Road,
New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Peter Anghelides

Sir, Michael Grade's action in axeing or shelving *Doctor Who* (report, February 28) is deplorable, particularly as a publicity stunt for the BBC's claim for a £65 licence fee. *Doctor Who* is a commercially successful series, selling to over 50 countries worldwide, and is a potential source of co-production money and finance from related merchandise from a host of different outlets. BBC Enterprises owe much of their setting up to the success of *Doctor Who* sales and franchises.

The programme is innovative in terms of scripting, direction and organization, a testing ground for many production techniques and a carefully budgeted drama series.

I feel this petty action weakens the BBC's case: if they can tamper with their own institutions in such an offhand way, can they really complain about threats to the institution of the BBC itself, for example by broadcast advertising?

Yours faithfully,
PETER ANGHELIDES,
25 Woodville Drive,
Sale, Cheshire.

Interests of the State

From Mr R. J. Monk

Sir, Thanks be to God. The "Thunderer" has at last thundered. Your first editorial (February 25) rightly identifies the one single issue of crucial national importance arising from the Ponting case: Mr Justice McCowan's direction that "the policies of the State were the policies of the Government then in power".

If we accept – as we must – the constitutional validity of your statement that "the sovereign state of Britain is the Crown in Parliament" it follows that the imbalance of power between the executive and Parliament can only be corrected by a drastic revision of the present whip system.

If the role and integrity of Parliament is to be preserved, one – and only one – simple whip can be justified. It would mean: "This is an important vote. Your duty is to attend. You should vote according to conscience and the arguments. Failure to attend will be regarded as a lapse of parliamentary duty".

It follows that defeat on such a vote would not necessarily mean the fall of the Government; but Parliament would have spoken. All-party agreement would be desirable, but there is room for the pragmatic centralists (the Alliance?) to lead for parliamentary democracy.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. MONK,
Tangletrees,
Cansiron Lane,
Ashurst Wood,
East Grinstead,
West Sussex.
February 25.

Causes of decline

From Mr Peter Kaldor

Sir, In your paper today (February 27) Dr James Doyle writes with astonishment that he saw in the *Scotsman* a firm advertising for graduate engineers and offering them *circa* £15,000 per annum. Dr Doyle thinks that one cannot expect efficiency at this salary.

What would your readers think of the fact that a secondary school science teacher, whose job amongst others is to engender interest in engineering, is paid from £5,442 (scale one O increment) to £12,363 (head of department scale four 8th increment)?

Yours faithfully,
PETER KALDOR,
42 Cambridge Crescent,
Teddington,
Middlesex.
February 27.

Back to the pits

From Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch (Conservative)

Sir, Perhaps those demanding an amnesty in the pits could start by terminating the grotesque campaign of victimisation against men who, deprived of a ballot, committed the "crime" of going to work.

Yours etc,
ROBERT ADLEY,
House of Commons.
March 6.

Help in the Commons

From Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP for Chelmsford (Conservative)

Sir, I can only express my astonishment at the item in your columns of March 6 that "Researchers cause chaos in the Commons." I do not know who the House of Commons select committee had in mind in their report, but their experience is directly contrary to mine.

I have now over the years had approaching 10 of these young American men and women from Educational Programmes Abroad working for me. Without exception they have given me splendid and dedicated service. They are mature, hardworking, respectful of House of Commons traditions and totally dedicated to their task. One student even gave up a month of his holiday to help me further.

I, for one, am most grateful to these excellent young people and the Commons is greatly in their debt.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN ST JOHN-STEVAS,
House of Commons.

After the master

From Miss Lucy Halford

Sir, Your leading article (February 28): why should Mies van der Rohe be blamed for either his philosophy or his architecture?

Post-war housing estates were lamentable and cannot even be called imitations of a master architect whose work in Germany and the United States stands today as proof of his talent.

Advanced ideas (1930) and mass man (1985) have little in common; Nash was faulted in his day.

Yours faithfully,
LUCY HALFORD,
The Porter's Lodge,
Hales Hall,
Loddon,
Norfolk.
February 28.

Age concern

From Mr John Ruffle

Sir, The smart lads who produce *antikas* for the tourist market in Egypt give their freshly-made products an air of antiquity by burying them in the chicken run for a while. Mr Barker (February 27) might like to try this method on his bust of Aesculapius. It certainly produces a distinctive patina.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN RUFFLE, Keeper,
The Oriental Museum,
Elvet Hill,
Durham.
February 28.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 8, 1937

The civil war in Spain broke out in July 1936. Oviedo was a town with republican traditions. The commander of the garrison there, Colonel Aranda declared himself for the rebels. The province, however opposed him and early in the war the miners began to besiege the town.

ASSAULT ON OVIEDO

From Our Own Correspondent

MADRID, MARCH 7

The fighting in and around Oviedo continues furiously. It has now lasted a fortnight, during which severe weather has greatly added to the hardships suffered by the troops engaged and hampered support from the air.

The miners are determined on taking Oviedo, whatever the cost. Two columns are blasting their way towards the centre of the town from different directions, and the latest circumstantial report says that now only 300 yards separate them. It seems certain that the insurgent command has had to divert for the defence of Oviedo contingents destined for other fronts.

MADRID'S BREAD RATIONED

It is four months to-day since the Government abandoned Madrid and the Junta de Defensa assumed responsibility for the capital. The trust has been discharged faithfully and although the enemy has extended his line he is no nearer the Puerta del Sol, where General Franco was to have taken coffee months ago. One of the jokes of the siege is a table laid and a seat awaiting him in a café there. The resistance Madrid is offering has surprised even the Madrileños, who continue nevertheless to endure every privation rather than give up hope and leave their homes. Bread, one of the few plentiful foodstuffs hitherto, is now to be rationed.

Raids and trench warfare continue in the University City. During the night a heavy explosion shook Madrid, followed by intense rifle and gunfire lasting over an hour. This was caused by a raid on the insurgents' communications across the Manzanares, when Government troops advanced and blew up a bridge the insurgents had built between the Bridge of the French and San Fernando Bridge. The Jarama front is quiet.

Anatomy of SDP

From Mr Roger Fox

Sir, As someone who is intimately involved in local SDP politics perhaps I could comment on George Brock's excellent descriptions (February 25-27) of the present state of affairs in the SDP/Liberal Alliance.

My own observation is that Dr David Owen's style of leadership has opened up the SDP far more than it ever was when it was run by the Gang of Four. This is primarily because Roy Jenkins's style of leadership and, more to the point, the attitudes of his closest followers towards outsiders was and still is extremely exclusive. George Brock describes the pro-Liberal inclinations of this grouping within the SDP with unerring accuracy.

That the SDP has a major group within it favouring eventual SDP-/Liberal merger and displaying such a high degree of animosity to the leader of the party may be considered strange by outsiders. However, the pro-Liberal group has historical roots and anyone who reads Susan Crosland's excellent biography of her late husband will observe that these behavioural traits developed over a period of twenty years. That they continue to be sustained in the SDP is quite incredible.

There is an additional point often missed by commentators. When the SDP was established it attracted a majority of members who had not been active in politics before. These new members chose to join the SDP rather than take the opportunity to align themselves with the Liberal Party. In general terms they see the Liberal Party as not addressing the central questions facing Britain today and lacking any organisational coherence. Indeed in some areas the Liberal organisation borders on anarchy.

Consequently many SDP members would be unhappy with any SDP/Liberal merger which would really be a submersion of the SDP into the Liberal Party and in such circumstances many SDP members would refuse to join the merged party. This remains the strongest argument against any merger and for a continuing separate identity for the SDP.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER FOX,
53 The Avenue,
Chiswick, W4.
February 26.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 7: Mr R. J. T. McLaren was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and *Plenipotentiary at Manila.*

Mrs McLaren had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mr Philip McKearney was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Bucharest.

Mrs McKearney had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen this afternoon opened the Ealing Broadway Centre.

Having been received by the Mayor of Ealing (Councillor Mrs M. E. Heywood), Her Majesty unveiled *a commemorative plaque* and toured the Centre.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, attended a *luncheon at the* Saddlers' Hall and received the 9th Silver Jubilee Saddle from the Saddlers' Company.

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, was received by the Master of the Saddlers' Company (Mr C. Taylor).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was represented by Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke at the Memorial Service for Miss K. Bird (Co-Founder of Benenden School) which was held at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today honoured the *Directors of The Times* with her presence at luncheon to mark its Bicentenary.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 7: *The Prince and Princess of* Wales arrived at Alfreton and Mansfield Parkway Station in the Royal Train this morning.

Their Royal Highnesses subsequently visited Portland Training College, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire and the Council House, Nottingham.

In the afternoon The Prince and Princess of Wales visited the Headquarters of Nottinghamshire Fire Brigade, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold.

Their Royal Highnesses later returned to Royal Air Force *Northolt in an aircraft of The* Queen's Flight.

Mr David Roycroft and Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 7: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon visited Stirling Castle and later visited the Church of the Holy Rude and the Guildhall, Stirling.

In the evening His Royal Highness, Grand Prior, The Order of St John, was present at the John Burke Memorial Concert organized by the St John Musical Society of Scotland at the MacRobert Centre, Stirling.

The Duke of Gloucester travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel in Chief Royal Army Educational Corps, this morning received Brigadier-General D. E. Ryan.

A memorial service for the Earl of Birkenhead will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at noon on Friday, March 22.

A memorial service for Mr Peter Fleetwood-Hesketh will be held on Tuesday, March 19, at noon at St Giles-in-the-Fields, St Giles High Street, WC2 (near Centre Point).

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held yesterday at 10 Downing Street to launch the *Conran Foundation's* Design Museum. The guests were:
Lord Beaty, Lord Mc Alpine of West Green, Sir Terence Conran, Sir Peter Parker, Mr David Cutler, Mr Stephen Bayley, Lord Rayner, Sir Richard Cave, Sir Francis Tombs, Sir Kenneth Corfield, the Hon Sir John Saunders, Sir George Jefferson, Sir Leslie Fletcher, Sir Christopher Hoon, Mr John Butcher, MP, Mr Walter Hayes, Mr V Manzoni, Mr Alexander Bernstein, Mr Gerald Ronson, Mr Jocelyn Stevens, Mr Peter Lazar, Mr R M Dear, Mr James Garrett, Mr Peter Palumbo, Mr J M Fleming and Mr Andrew Turnbull.

Bentham Club
Sir Jack Jacob, QC, gave the presidential address, entitled "Justice Between Man and Man", at the annual dinner of the Bentham Club held at University College London yesterday evening. In addition to Lady Jacob, among *those present were:*
Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, QC and Lady Lloyd, Mr Robin Jacobs, QC, Judge and Mrs Clapham, Professor and Mrs L Jaswell, Professor and Mrs L B Schapiro, Professor J H Burns, Mr and Mrs Stephen Guest, Professor W E Butler, Professor E C Ryder, Mr and Mrs George Bazel Aysworthy.
The Bentham Auto-Icon was present.

Masons' Company
The Lord Mayor, *locum tenens*, Colonel and Alderman Sir Ronald Gamer-Thorpe, and Mr Alderman and Sheriff David Rowe-Ham, *accompanied* by their ladies, were received by the Master of the Masons' Company, Mr Colin J. Jeffries at the annual ladies' dinner held at the Mansion House last night. The speakers included the Upper Warden, Mr E. H. Turner, and Mr Cecil Rapport, High Sheriff of South Glamorgan.

Medical Society of London
The Medical Society of London held its annual dinner last night at the Savoy Hotel. The principal guest was Sir *John Donaldson, Master of* the Rolls.

Chartered Association of Certified Accountants
The annual dinner of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants was held last night at Guildhall. The president, Mr F. E. Bleasdale presided. The guests included:
The High Commissioners for Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Guyana and Mauritius, the Deputy High Commissioner for Ghana, Viscount and Viscountess Sandon, Lord and Lady Graham, Mr Peter Rees QC, MP, and Mrs Rees, Sir Lawrence and Lady Airey, Sir Gordon and Lady Borrie, Sir Gordon and Lady Downey, Sir Peter and Lady Lazarus, Sir Peter and Lady Middleton, Sir Michael Shaw, MP and Lady Shaw, Sir Francis and Lady Tombs, Mr B Hayhoe, MP, and Mrs Hayhoe, Mr I Cope, MP, Mr J R N MacGregor, MP, Mr P B Rird and Mr R Wainwright, MP and Mrs Wainwright.

Luncheons

Butchers' Company
The Ambassador for the Republic of Ireland replied to the toast of the guests, proposed by Mr Kenneth Forshaw, at a Court luncheon of the Butchers' Company held at Butchers' Hall yesterday. The Master, Mr W. A. Woolhouse, presided.

City and Guilds of London Institute
Mr H. M. Neal, chairman of the council, and honorary officers of the City and Guilds of London Institute were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at Merchant Taylors' Hall at which the Master and Clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Company were present. The fellowship of the institute was conferred upon:
Dr J H Burgoyne, Mr D Denniston, Mr S Fralda, Dr C A Franklin, Mr A Goldstein, Mr I C de C Henderson, Dr M A B El Kashlan, Professor M C de Malherbe, Mr S Montagnier, Dr A J Moyes, Mr O S Nock, Dr Th Peyinenchi, Mr P N Wallis, Dr W H Ward, Mr J F Wilson and Dr W N Zaki.

Birthdays today

Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith, 85; Mr David Austick, 65; Sir John *Badenoch, 65; Mr Gyles Brandreth,* 37; Sir Julian Bullard, 57; Mr Anthony Caro, 61; Mr Justice Comyn, 64; Mr Michael Croft, 63; Mr Michael Grade, 42; the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, 55; Mr Michael Inchbald, 65; Miss Ann Jenner, 41; Sir Geoffrey Meade, 83; Miss Lynn Redgrave, 42; Miss Lynn Seymour, 46; Sir *Christopher Summerhayes,* 89; Mr Robert Tear, 46; Mr J. S. Tomkinson, 69.

Alexandra Rose Ball

The Alexandra Rose Ball will be *held on Thursday,* May 16, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London W1 from 8.30 pm till 2.30 am. Tickets are available at £30.00 each to include dinner and a ball programme, from Mrs B. Weston, 1 Castelnau, Barnes, SW13 9RP.

The joint chairmen of the committee are Lady Clare Lindsay and the Hon Mrs Arthur Lawson Johnston and the Junior Committee *is being organized* by Miss Alexandra Schwarzburg.

Canford School

Scholarship awards
Major scholarships: A D I Newman, Perrott Hill; Crewkerne; R J Perry, St Neot's, Eversley; A J Pearson, Port Regis, Shaftesbury.
Minor scholarships
D N Cherrett, Hubbard and Canford; M W Kelly, Boundary Oak and Canford; R W Marshall, St Andrew's, Wokingham; D J L Prior, Walhampton, Lymington; G D Rayner, Perrott Hill and Canford.
Naval scholarship
J C Coote, Boundary Oak, Fareham.
Music scholarships
T Wain-sley, The Prebendal School, Chichester; O J Nelson, Ringwood Comprehensive; J C M Moore, Moulton Combe Junior, Bath; A D I Newman, Perrott Hill, Crewkerne.
Art Scholarship
B T Pentreath, Sandroyd, Tollard Royal.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. G. Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes and Miss *L. E. J. Bidlake*
The engagement is announced between Alberic George T-W-Fiennes, 5 Narborough Street, London, SW6, *younger son of Sir Maurice* Fiennes and of Mrs S. T-W-Fiennes, *and Louise Emily Jane, eldest* daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Bidlake, of Dorking, Surrey.

Mr D. S. Lyons and Miss S. Greenfeld
The engagement is announced *between* David Stephen, son of Sir Jack and Lady Lyons, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Louis Greenfeld, of Montreal, Canada.

Mr P. J. E. Bransden and Miss J. A. Nicholson
The engagement is announced between Paul, second son of Mr and Mrs B. E. Bransden, of Lyne, Surrey, and Jennifer, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. L. R. Nicholson, of Midgham, Berkshire.

Mr M. A. Coombes and Miss S. M. Bett
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Dr and Mrs S. K. Coombes, of Bromley, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bett, also of Bromley, Kent.

Mr T. W. Drake and Miss J. A. Ellard
The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs B. E. Drake, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Julie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Ellard, of Eysins, Switzerland.

Mr A. C. *Duffin* and Miss L. Jefferson
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs C. M. Duffin, of Barnes, London, and Louise, daughter of the late Mr J. C. Jefferson and of Mrs Jefferson, of Scarborough, Yorkshire.

Mr P. A Franca and Miss D. C. Brownlees
The engagement is announced between Paolo, son of Mr and Mrs L. C. Franca, of Garda, Italy, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. K. Brownlees, *of Kingston upon* Thames.

Lieutenant D. W. H. Gray, RN and Second Officer A. J. Roberts, WRNS
The engagement is announced *between* David, *youngest son of the* late Very Rev. Dr John R. Gray and of Mrs Gray, of Dumblane, Perthshire, and Anna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs I. E. Roberts.

Mr S. A. C. Morgan and Miss S. C. Godden
The engagement is announced between Simon Morgan, *of 1* Richards Place, London, SW3, elder *son of the late Mr C. Y. Morgan, of* Radley and Michaelhouse, and of Mrs Sheila A. Morgan, of Dublin and Johannesburg, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr Nigel de Marsac Godden of The Manor House, Pilton, Somerset, and of the late *Mrs Shirley Anne Godden.*

Dr D. G. Nevison-Andrews and Miss E. A. Silverston
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Major and Mrs D. J. Nevison-Andrews, of *Stonecliffe House,* Chalkhouse Green, near Reading, Berkshire, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Dr and Mrs N. A. Silverston, of Beaulieu House, Bottisham, Cambridge.

Mr J. V. *Roberts* and Dr N. M. Dunne
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Verrier, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J. K. Roberts, of Stock, Essex, and Nuala Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E. B. Dunne, of Plymouth, Devon.

Mr P. J. Nicholls and Miss G. E. A. Morris
The engagement is announced between Peregrine, only son of Mr Alan G. Nicholls, of Jersey, Channel Islands, and Mrs Ruth Nicholls-King, of Ealing, London, and Grace, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs *Raymond Morris, of Harborne,* Birmingham.

Mr R. J. Statham and Miss C. J. Delamore
The engagement is announced between Robert John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth J. Statham, of Worsley, Manchester, and Catherine *Joy*, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Irvine W. Delamore, of Rivington, Lancashire.

Mr S. R. Thompson and Miss A. F. Graham-Bryce
The engagement is announced between Simon Robert, *son of* Mr and Mrs R. S. Thompson, of Bramhall, Cheshire, and Anne Fiona, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs L. J. Graham-Bryce, of Great East, East Malling, Kent.

Mr N. D. Wightman and Miss R. E. J. Trueman
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of the late Mr Gerald Wightman and Mrs Wightman, of Church Brampton, Northamptonshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr Frederick Sewards Trueman, of Flasby, and Mrs Enid Trueman, of Scarborough, Yorkshire.

Marriage

Captain A. J. Gray and Camilla, Countess of Erne
The marriage took place quietly in Dover on March 2 between Captain Anthony Gray and Camilla, Countess of Erne.



A pen-lithograph titled Eastern Patriarch, by James Barry, which sold for £5,940.

Prices for early lithographs soar

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The beginning of lithography in Britain, strong on historic importance but lowish on aesthetics, scored unlooked for high prices at Sotheby's yesterday.

A black and white pen-lithograph by Henry Fuseli, the Swiss artist who pioneered Romanticism in Britain, sold for £5,610 where the auctioneers had expected only £500 to £800. The title is "A woman sitting by a window: Evening thou bringest all" and it dates from 1802.

The process of chemical *printing,* or lithography, was invented in *Germany by Aloys Senefelder in* 1798, but he came to London at the *end* of 1800 to obtain patents and help one Philip Andre set up a lithographic press.

Andre invited the main artists of the day to try out the process and selected 12 prints which he published in 1803 under the title "Specimens of Polyautography". The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine had sent a group of 12 prints from this early period to Sotheby's for sale.

The top prices were all paid by an unnamed buyer. *In addition to* the Fuseli he secured James Barry's "Eastern Patriarch" of 1803 at £5,940 (estimate £500-£800) and Benjamin West's "Angel of the Resurrection" at £5,390 (estimate £700-£1000). *The 12 prints made a* total of £22,660.

The print sale also included a fine collection of Piranesi etchings housed in 27 volumes which were bought by Ben Weinreb, a London dealer, for £66,000 (estimate £30,000–£40,000). A good impression of Rembrandt's "St Jerome beside a pollard willow" went to a German dealer at £30,800 (estimate £15,000–£18,000). The Morning sale totalled £441,265

On Wednesday the London trade had found its way to the Brighton sale room of *Raymod T. Inman* attracted by a set of four Queen Anne candlesticks made by Lewis Mettayer in 1711 (78 ozs). They sold to Phillips at £97,200.

In London yesterday the Ulster Museum was represented at Phillips and secured a late eighteenth century gentleman's jacket of black worsted together with a waistcoat and pair of trousers at £715 (estimate £60–£80).

Service dinners

Corps of Royal Engineers
The Corps of Royal Engineers held *an RE Corps guest night in the* RE Headquarter Mess, Brompton yesterday. The Chief Royal Engineer, General Sir Hugh Beach, presided and guests included:
The Hon Adam Butler, MP, Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Air Marshall Sir Michael Armitage, Major-General D H Bragadin, Mr J M Batten, Mr J T Baugh, Mr H J France, Mr J Gau, Professor Sir Alan Harris, Mr N F Martin, Mr J R McNeil and Professor W B Wilkinson.

RAOC
The Director General of Ordnance Services, Major-General W. L. Whalley, and officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps held a corps guest night in their headquarters, Officers' Mess, Deepcut, last night. Among the guests were Lieutenant-General *Sir Charles Huxtable,* *Commander Training* Establishments, Major-General C. P. R. *Palmer, Commandant,* Staff College, Camberley, and Air Vice-Marshal A. Beill, Director-General of Supply (RAF).

RAF Chaplains
The annual dinner of the RAF Church of Scotland and Free Churches Chaplains was held at *Amport House* yesterday evening. The Principal Chaplain, the Rev Graham Corderoy, welcomed as the principal guest Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff. Among other guests were Pastor Christian Goedeking, Mrs Mary Whitaker, the Ven Glyn Renowden, RAF.

Father *Joe Harris,* RAF, the Rev Irvin Vincent, RN, and the Rev James Harkness, RAChD.

Memorial services

Miss K. M. Bird
Princess Anne was represented by Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Kathleen Emma Bird which took place yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Visitor to Benenden School, said thanksgiving prayers and pronounced the blessing. The Rev Charles Hodley officiated.

Miss J. R Allen, Headmistress of *Benenden School, read an extract* from a fable by Miss Bird and Mr A. R. D. Wright, chairman of the school council, read the Benenden School lesson. An address was given by Mrs Eirene Belk.

Mr E. Warr
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Eric Warr was held on Wednesday at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre Without Newgate, Holborn Viaduct. The Rev Hubert *Hoskins officiated,* assisted by the Rev A. W. S. Brown.

Mr Richard Ponsonby, Controller of Music, BBC, read Psalm 150 and there were addresses by Sir Thomas Armstrong and Sir William Glock. Mr Andrew Lumsden was the organist and the BBC Singers, directed by Mr Simon Joly, also took part in the service.

The Hon Richard Byron
A memorial service for the Hon Richard Byron was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church. The Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated and the Hon Robin Byron, brother, read the lesson. Among those present were:
Lieutenant Colonel Lord Byron (father), the Hon Mrs Robin Byron (sister in law), Mrs George Munro Kerr, Mr Tom Standish, Mr Edmund Esdaile, Mr and Mrs K. W. S Burnside, Mrs L. Ward, Mrs Margaret Carter.
Lady Boulton, Lady Ford, Mr and the Hon Mrs George Seymour, Mrs Andrew Sinclair, Mr T. O Lloyd, Mrs U Dillistone, Colonel Derek Boyd, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Wade, Miss Elizabeth Hindmarsh, Mrs Kristina Crowther, Mrs Derek Barlow, Mr Adam Humphreys, Dr and Mrs N. A Reeson, Mr Michael Rees, Mr Adrian Morgan, Mr Robin Turner, Mrs Patricia Mansfield, Mr Charles Baker, Miss Mary Melville Barron Society) with Miss Mary Agnes Kouroussis), Mrs Jean Norris, Mr M J Langdon Green, Miss Charlotte Robinson, Mrs Hugh Poole Warren, Miss Sara Lovell, Mr and Mrs Michael Preston, Mrs Brian Rigby, Mrs June Legg, Miss Vivienne Purcell, Mr Richard Byron, Mrs Marion O'Donovan, Mr and Mrs Julian Edwards, Mrs L Parmiter, Mrs J Frink, Mr and Mrs John Myers, Mr Tom Buzzard, Miss M Emery, Mr Michael Neary, Mr and Mrs Charles Mayor, Mr Ashley Perkins, Mr and Mrs Peter Elliott, Miss O Selton, Mr and Mrs Nigel Gilhead, Mr and Mrs J C Sheppard and Mr Derek Wise.

Lecture

Royal Institute of International Affairs
Admiral Sir James Eberle and Mr John Raisman were hosts at an evening supper lecture held by the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House yesterday at which the guest speaker was M Bernard *Vernier-Palliez. The* other guests were:
Mr Richard Bateman, Mr Eric Bridgen, Mr Chris Berby, Mr Michael H Caine, Mr William Deedes, Mr Neil Forster, Mr Derek Hornby, Dr Nigel Horne, Mr J R Kerr Muir, the Earl of Limerick, Mr J D Milnes, Mr Michael Phillips, Mr Ian W Reeves and Mr William Sadler.

Westminster School

The following awards have been made:
Music scholarship: Justin A Harmer, Westminster Under School.
Sixth form scholarships: Karen J Baldwin, Elfrida Hale School, Plymouth; Sarah E Ford, Valley Comprehensive School, Mark E J Martin, Malvern College, Victoria M Wakely, Farnborough Hill College.

OBITUARY

PROF F. S NORTHEDGE

Studies in international relations

Professor Frederick Samuel Northedge, Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics since 1968, died suddenly at his home on March 3. He was 66.

Born in Derby on October 16, 1918 he was educated locally and won a scholarship to Merton College, Oxford to read classics.

Concern about the persistence of warfare led him to a study of international relations at LSE immediately after the war. He chose to pursue his passion for peaceful change through academia rather than party politics and became a teaching assistant in 1949.

Later, he contributed greatly to the study of international relations in his teaching, and many books and other writings. His course on the pyschological aspect of international relations was a fitting complement to Professor Manning's on the philosophical aspects.

As in his lectures so in his major writings such as *The Troubled Giant: Britain among the Great Powers, 1916-39* (1966) and *Descent from Power: British Foreign Policy 1945-73* (1971) as well as in his textbook on the international political system and his volume on the League of Nations, to be published later this year, he expounded his themes in terms off contradictory impulses – freedom and necessity; change and continuity, idealism and realism.

Perhaps this dialectical method of analysis betrayed something of a tension in his own character, for he was simultaneously an engaging and entertaining companion and a very private person who needed to withdraw to pursue his researches. He was at once a concerned and passionate man who never entirely lost his early radicalism and the detached scholar who rarely let his political views obtrude.

Above all, he was an idealist, perhaps never entirely at ease with his own intellectual realism.

Deeply attached to his three children and to Betty, whose death in 1984 ended forty-five years of marriage, he shared his last months with Muriel Grieve, whom he married last September.

MR JOZEF MACKIEWICZ

A Correspondent writes:

On January 31 the Polish novelist and publicist Jozef Mackiewicz died in Munich. A man of fierce integrity he emerges from *The History of Polish Literature* by Czeslaw Milosz as a great contemporary Polish writers.

He was born in St Petersburg in 1902. After fighting as a Polish volunteer in the Soviet-Polish war of 1920 and studying at Warsaw University, he worked in Wilno, (under Polish control 1920-39) as a journalist until the Red Army drove him west in 1945. Thereafter he lived briefly in Warsaw before settling first in Rome, then in *London*, and finally in Munich.

In the ancient, ethnically mixed city of Wilno, (now Vilnius) Mackiewicz's pen spurred resistance to the Polish authorities' attempts to convert variety into uniformity through policies of polonization. The traditions and languages of Lithuanians, Poles, Russians, Jews and Belorussians alike benefited from his passionate defence.

In the autumn of 1939, following Soviet occupation Wilno found itself in independent Lithuania: in June 1940 it was annexed with all of Lithuania to the USSR; and a year later it was under Nazi occupation. So Mackiewicz had to resist, in quick succession, the varying types of threat posed by Lithuanian nationalism, Soviet communism and National Socialism.

After his newspaper had been forcibly suppressed, he refused all inducements from the *communists* and the Nazis to compromise his beliefs. For five years he scratched an existance as a wood cutter.

These experiences provided Mackiewicz with rich material for his semi-documentary historical novels. His *Road to Nowhere* (1962) is, to quote Milosz, "a powerful, traditionally realistic novel on a most untraditional subject: life in Lithuania as it was being converted into a republic of the Soviet Union".

A sequel, *Don't Talk Out Loud* presents a panorama of the Nazi occupation, and the maze of underground resistance networks, in which those linked to London and those under Moscow's control oppose each other as much as they fight the Germans.

His analytical work *Victorious Provocation* (1962) sees the *West succumbing* to the communist advance because it mistakenly considers communism a Russian phenomenon.

Mackiewicz was the first author to write books about two chilling episodes of World War II. *The Katyn Wood Murders* (1951) and his novel *Kontra* (1957) which describes the Allies' handing over of Cossack troops to Stalin after the war.

As a Roman Catholic (of ecumenical outlook), Mackiewicz was not surprisingly highly critical of the Vatican's conciliatory policies towards communism.

He was a controversial figure but his forthright views were often confirmed by subsequent events, and today he sounds remarkably contemporary to many Poles. Five of his books have recently been published by clandestine presses in Poland, and he won the Literary Award of the respected journal *Arka*, which appears underground in Krakow.

MR MORDEKHAI OREN

Mr Mordekhai Oren, a prominent Israeli left-winger who served 4½ years in a Czechoslovak prison in the 1950s on trumped up charges of espionage, died in Israel on *February 27 at the age of 79.*

His trial was a sequel to the trial and execution of the leading Czechoslovak Jewish communists headed by Rudolf Slansky, the Secretary General. The case marked the surfacing of an anti-Israeli shift by the communist bloc and it split Oren's Soviet-orientated but Zionist Mapam Party, which had been the second largest in the country.

Oren, an editor of the Mapam daily *Al Hamishmar* was attending a conference of the communist orientated World Federation of Trade Unions in East Berlin when he heard of the arrests in Prague and he went there. He was arrested, tortured, interrogated and put on the stand as a witness against Slansky and the others. Later he was tried and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

He was released during the de-Stalinization period in 1956 and returned to his Kibbutz in Israel. He was formally exonerated in Prague in 1968.

He was partially crippled by the forced labour in uranium mines and did not resume a position of leadership in the party.

He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Correction

In the obituary of James Cameron published on January 28 it was incorrect to say that no one wished to show the film, *Western Eyewitness*, which he made during his visit to North Vietnam in 1965. It was shown on BBC 1 and was also bought by several overseas stations. The photographer was Malcolm Aird.

Science report

Tracking rise of food-poison cases

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

An effort to find out why the number of food-poisoning cases has risen steeply in the past five years, exceeding the high levels recorded in the 1950s, is being made at the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre at Coinadale, north London.

The details are outlined in one of a collection of papers published *in Chemistry and Industry on the* theme, "How safe is your diet?".

According to Dr Juliet Gray, a nutritionist at Surrey University, there is a gulf between public perception of hazards connected with foodstuffs and the scientific evidence of the actual dangers. She describes the contamination risks *associated with food in the* following order of priority: micro-biological, *nutritional, environ*mental pollution, natural toxicants, pesticide residues and food additives.

That list of dangers is in the reverse order of that perceived by the general public.

Giving the reasons for placing microbiological contamination at *the top, she recalls that more than* 12,684 people contracted salmonella food poisoning alone in 1982, and that 36 people were known to have died.

Her study concludes that the one area where consumer knowledge has *increased is in the* understanding of the nutritional components *on some important* diet-related diseases, such as obesity, diabetes, coronary heart disease, strokes, high blood pressure, gall bladder disease, diverticulosis, cancer of the large bowel and breast, food intolerance and dental decay.

But Dr Gray believes that a general misconception still prevails about an association between "naturalness" and health.

Describing the investigation into the increasing incidence of food poisoning, Dr N. Spence Galbraith, director of the communicable disease centre of the Public Health Laboratory Service, explains why anxiety goes beyond concern for the rise in the number of cases.

Changes have occurred in the variety of strains of infections organisms encountered in laboratory analyses. *Food poisoning* cases numbered more than 14,000 in 1954 and then declined steadily for 10 years. There was a slight rise in the mid-1960s.

In the mid-1970s a resurgence began which by 1983 was at the previous peak reached 30 years ago. As far as salmonella was concerned, which is the most common food poisoning, the 1950s peak due to infection from cattle after changes in animal husbandry.

The infection was transmitte through under-cooked food or poor hygine. Similar circumstances were involved, but with poultry, in *the 1960s incidents.*

Cases of food poisoning are divided into "outbreaks" of "sporadic" incidents. The first category covers two or more cases from a neighbourhood. The sporadic type covers a single case or an infection restricted to one family.

The recent increase is mainly from a rise in the number of sporadic cases. The cause is unknown but Dr Galbraith reports three changes which suggest that it may be associated with bovine infection: first, a rise was reported in outbreaks of *S.anmonella typhimurium* infection in cattle; second, the type of the *Stryphimurium*, isolated from cattle and from man, were similar; third, there was an increase in milk-borne outbreaks of infection with the same organisms in different individuals.

Dr Galbraith says the explanation for the rise in sporadic cases could be that they are undetected outbreaks. They might have been caused by common food products distributed over wide geographical areas for lengthy periods because of deep freezing, commercially and in the home.

He added that if the widespread sporadic cases were indeed covert outbreaks a different approach was necessary to find the route for transmission of the infection. The communicable disease centre was engaged in a case-controlled study comparing sporadic cases in several parts of the country for *that purpose.*

Source: *Chemistry in Industry*, No 5, March 1985.

House of Lords — **Law Report March 8 1985** — Court of Appeal

Widow fails to prove undue influence and loses home

National Westminster Bank plc v Morgan

Before Lord Scarman, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Roskill, Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Brandon of Oakbrook

[Speeches sold March 7]

Before a transaction could be set aside on the ground of undue influence, it had to be shown that it constituted a manifest disadvantage to the person seeking to avoid it.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the National Westminster *Bank plc from the Court of Appeal* (Lord Justice Dunn and Lord Justice Slade) (*The Times* July 5, 1983; [1983] 3 All ER 85), who had reversed Mr C. S. Rawlins, sitting as deputy judge at Bridgwater County Court.

Mr Peter Scott, QC, Mr Charles Falconer and Mr Philip Brook Smith for the bank; Mr Leolin Price, QC, and Mr Peter St John Langan, QC, for the second defendant, Mrs Janet Morgan.

The first defendant, Mr David Albert Allen Morgan, *died after the* county court judgment and before the Court of Appeal hearing.

LORD SCARMAN said that Mr and Mrs Morgan had bought their house in 1974 with the assistance of a legal mortgage to the Abbey National Building Society. Mr Morgan's business had been in difficulties, and in 1977 the building society had begun proceedings for possession of the house in default of payment of mortgage instalments, alleging a debt of over £13,000.

A bank rescue operation had been decided on by Mr and Mrs Morgan, if they could arrange it. On January 30, 1978, Mr Morgan had asked the bank to "refinance" the building society loan, telling them that all he needed was a bridging loan for some five weeks; he would then arrange for the bank's repayment by his company, which had, it was then believed, good prospects.

The bank had accepted that proposal on the recommendation of the branch manager, Mr Barrow, subject to a legal mortgage on the house which was in joint names. The loan had not been repaid, and the bank had brought the present proceedings. The deputy judge had made an order for possession.

It was not suggested that, prior to the interview at which Mrs Morgan had signed the charge, the relationship between the bank and the Morgans had been other than the normal business one of banker and customer. It was said, however, that *the relationship between the bank* and herself had assumed a very different character when in early February 1978 Mr Barrow had called at the house to obtain her signature, Mr Morgan having already signed.

Mr Barrow's conversation with Mrs Morgan had lasted only five minutes. She had been concerned lest the charge might enable Mr Morgan to borrow from the bank for business purposes.

The atmosphere had plainly been tense. Mr Morgan had been in and out of the room, "hovering around". Mrs Morgan had made it clear to Mr Barrow that she did not want him there.

Mr Barrow had managed to discuss the more delicate matters when Mr Morgan had been out of the room. The deputy judge had accepted that it had never been Mr Barrow's intention that the charge should be used to secure Mr Morgan's business liabilities.

His Lordship was bound to say that the facts appeared to him to be a far cry from a relationship of *undue influence or from* a transaction in which an unfair advantage had been obtained by one party over the other.

The judge had clearly so thought. He had accepted the bank's submission that the transaction had not been manifestly disadvantageous to Mrs Morgan: it had provided what to her had been desperately important, the rescue of the house.

He had rejected her submission that Mr Barrow had put pressure on her: the pressure on her had been the imminence of the building society's obtaining of possession.

He had held that the circumstances had not called for Mr Barrow to advise her to take legal advice and that she had not been harried into signing the decision had been her own.

He had rejected the submission that there had been a confidential relationship between her and the bank such as to give rise to a presumption of undue influence: the relationship had never gone beyond the normal business one of banker and customer.

The Court of Appeal had not persuaded his Lordship that the judge had been incorrect.

Whatever the legal character of the transaction sought to be set aside for undue influence, the authorities showed that it must constitute a disadvantage sufficiently serious to require evidence to rebut the presumption that in the circumstances of the relationship between the parties it had been procured by the exercise of undue influence.

The Court of Appeal had, therefore, erred in law in holding that the presumption of undue influence could arise from the evidence of the relationship of the parties without also evidence that the transaction itself had been wrongful in that it had constituted an advantage taken of the person subjected to the influence which, failing proof to the contrary, was explicable only on the basis that undue influence had been exercised to procure it.

The principle justifying the court in setting aside a transaction for undue influence had been established by Lord Justice Lindley in *Allcard v Skinner* ((1887) 36 ChD 145, 182-183). It was not a vague "public policy" but specifically the victimization of one party by the other: see also *Bank of Montreal v Stuart* ([1911] AC 120) and *Poosathurai v Kannappa Chettiar* ((1919) LR 47 IA 1). The transaction must be one in which an unfair advantage had been taken of another.

A meticulous examination of the facts of the present case revealed that Mr Barrow had never "crossed the line" into the area of "confidentiality"; nor had the transaction been unfair to Mrs *Morgan*: the bank had, therefore, been under no duty to ensure that she received independent advice. It had been an ordinary banking transaction whereby she had sought to save her home, and she had obtained an honest and truthful explanation of the bank's intention.

His Lordship would therefore allow the appeal, with the warning that there was no precisely defined law setting limits to the equitable *jurisdiction of a court to relieve* against undue influence. A court in the exercise of such jurisdiction was a court of conscience, and definition was a poor instrument when used to determine whether a transaction was or was not unconscionable: that depended on the particular facts of the case.

Lord Keith, Lord Roskill, Lord Bridge and Lord Brandon agreed.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte for Osborne Clarke, Bristol; Park Nelson & Doyle Devonshire for Clarke Willmott & Clarke, Taunton.

Cross-examining co-accused

Regina v Rowson and Others

Where a *pre-trial statement by* one co-defendant was ruled inadmissible at the trial because of a breach of the Judges' Rules, his other co-defendants should have been free to put that previous statement to him in cross-examination, where it contained *matters* material to their defence.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Robert Goff, Mr *Justice Mars-Jones and Mr* Justice Drake) so held in a reserved judgment on February 22, applying the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 and dismissing the appeals of James Rowson, Peter Rowson and Anthony Keating against convictions at Liverpool Crown Court (Judge Lawton) on May 17, 1984, of causing grievous bodily harm.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that Keating had made *certain admissions to the police. At* the trial, that statement was ruled inadmissible because of a breach of rule III (b) of the Judges' Rules. Keating gave evidence inconsistent with the statement.

The judge ruled that counsel for *the co-defendants might only* ask Keating if he had said the things contained in the statement on an occasion subsequent to the alleged offence, but would be bound by the answers thereto.

The Rowsons appealed on the ground that the judge had erred in not allowing them complete freedom to cross-examine Keating on the statement. Keating appealed on the ground that he should not have been cross-examined on it at all.

There was no principle of law which justified the judge in limiting cross-examination by the Rowsons, thus inhubiting their defence. In *Murdoch v Taylor* ([1965] AC 574) it had been held that, although the court had a discretion to prevent the prosecution cross-examining an accused under proviso (f) (iii) to section 1 of *the Criminal Evidence* Act 1898, there was no discretion to prevent such questioning by a co-accused. That principle was applicable to the present case.

Forfeiting seized articles

Regia v Croydon Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Richman

Where in proceedings under section 3(3) of the Obscene Publications Act 1959, relating to the forfeiture of seized articles, the magistrate had been invited to inspect a sample of them, he acted without jurisdiction by declining to inspect the material and proposing to rely upon the evidence of a police *officer as to whether the articles* were obscene; nor could it be right that he proposed to act without inspecting a part of the material.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Stocker) so held on March 4, quashing the decision of the Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr C J I Bourke, sitting at Croydon, on February 27, 1984, when he refused to examine the agreed samples.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that since the proposed action was outside the magistrate's jurisdiction, *the court had power to overrule his* decision. But if he had acted by looking at samples the court would have no jurisdiction to review his decision: see *R v Sharesbrook Crown Court, Ex parte Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis* (*The Times*, April 3, 1984).

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Cinema

Uncommon vision of British emotions

Wetherby (15)
Curzon West End

2010 (PG)
Empire

Ladies on the Rocks (18)
Screen-on-the-Green

Winter Kills (18)
ICA Cinema

"It isn't like English films in general", proclaims David Hare, writer and director of **Wetherby**, joint winner of the Golden Bear prize at the recent Berlin Film Festival: "The nuance and sexuality and violence – that mix is something the English don't do." The point could be argued (where would Powell and Pressburger masterpieces like *Black Narcissus* be without such ingredients?), though one certainly knows what Hare means. Down the decades, British films have shied away from inflammatory emotions, or at best approached them with sugar tongs. Here lies the fascination and importance of *Wetherby* (Hare's first work conceived directly for the cinema): for the national ailment of emotional repression lies at its heart, dominating the behaviour of Vanessa Redgrave's unmarried schoolteacher Jean Travers and the sullen young stranger, John Morgan, who suddenly shoots himself in her kitchen. (Neither, you notice, is called Wetherby: that name belongs to the setting – a small, diligently observed Yorkshire town, complete with jumble sale, housing estate and thinly-populated Chinese restaurant).

As in his stage and television plays, Hare pits the characters' lives against chunks of British social history, and *Wetherby* makes generous use of cinema's ability to shift time periods at the drop of an editor's scissors. To explain the stranger's suicide, Hare leads us back to the previous night's dinner party, which Morgan gate-crashed; to his obsessive hounding of a university student (played by Suzanna Hamilton, the waif from *1984*). But the most potent flashbacks concern Jean's wartime romance with a young airman. "Never knew such happiness possible at all", the girl writes in her diary. Happiness, however, must contend with parents, with shyness, with the call of war (this last beautifully captured in a magical overhead shot of airmen at night, walking towards their planes).

Hare generally pursues a functional directing style, saving any flourishes for his actors, his dialogue and the jigsaw-puzzle construction. Here, at least, *Wetherby* resembles many British films: despite some eloquently dark photography, the film scores more points through words than images, offering neatly chiselled dialogue mordantly reflecting middle-class manners. *Wetherby* also offers some typically British pedigree acting. Seasoned players like Ian Holm and Judi Dench do the expected: there is impressive work, too, from the charismatic newcomers Tim McInnerny (the unnerving suicide) and Joely Richardson (Vanessa Redgrave's own daughter, perfectly cast as her earnest younger self). But the film belongs to Redgrave – excellently restrained as the woman whose loneliness and blocked emotions serve as a magnet for the stranger's black thoughts. *Wetherby*, in short, is a British film to reckon with, and a worthy opening attraction for the frequently revamped cinema on Shaftesbury Avenue: it is now sister to the Curzon in Mayfair, and bears the new title Curzon West End.

"I am not making my film; I am the custodian of everyone else's expectations", the director Peter Hyams told Arthur C. Clarke during production of **2010**, based on Clarke's best-selling novel. Some of these expectations are plainly unreasonable: it is unfair, for instance, to expect any director to match the ambition and excitement of Stanley Kubrick's *2001: A Space Odyssey*, released in 1968. It is equally unfair to expect eye-popping special effects in a film planned and executed with amazing speed (18 months) by a director wearing three other hats (producer, writer and photographer). Kubrick's film, by comparision, took almost five years to emerge from the drawing-board.

Hyams, a nimble if unoriginal



The great awakening: Roy Scheider as Dr Heywood Floyd briefs the space-travellers after revival from a year in hibernation in *2010*

talent, pursues Clarke's material with more regard for conventional adventure than philosophical subtleties. True, the famous symbols and phrases from Kubrick's film are woven into the fabric: the black monolith; Hal the recalcitrant computer; Keir Dullea's astronaut, with his cryptic final message "My God, it's full of stars!". But where *2001* used these items to tickle the mind, *2010* deliberately takes away much mystery and offers explanations. In part this was inevitable, given Clarke's plot line about an American-Soviet mission to discover the truth about the Discovery spaceship's original voyage; though it is a pity that Hyams makes the discoveries appear so mundane. It is also disconcerting, amidst the computer hardware and galactic explosions, to find a spaceman wielding such *Man from UNCLE* weaponry as a pocket calculator equipped with a detonator.

Yet perhaps we should not be so surprised, for underneath the modish surface lies a noticeably old-fashioned entertainment, basking in the Cold War chill of Fifties science-fiction films. Roy Scheider leads the Americans in a brisk, no-nonsense fashion: the surly chief Russian is effectively played by Helen Mirren, bravely spitting out parlous lines like "I will send Max down with a pod".

When the Danish critic and director Christian Braad Thomsen announces that his comedy **Ladies on the Rocks** is "as depressing as all my other films put together" one feels like running for cover; for who ever emerged from his other films smiling? In fact this portrait of two performers touring Denmark with a feminist-slanted cabaret act contains much vigorous humour, not least in the raucous clowning of the cabaret itself, with its provocative jokes about the female body. Yet gloom is never far behind. The performers constantly bicker over matters artistic, emotional and financial, and their relationships with husbands and boyfriends all crumble. The film is most persuasive when depicting the daily round of theatrical life on the road: toasting bread on the hotel room radiator, urinating into the sink, sitting in small-town restaurants with only an electrical organ for jollity. Thomsen's exuberant lead performers, Helle Ryslinge and Anne Marie Helger, co-wrote the script from their own experiences: unfortunately, their knowing eye is eventually blanketed by the director's sour temperament and by several slanging matches too many.

Winter Kills is an extravagant American oddity: a would-be black comedy about the aftermath of a presidential assassination, based on a novel by Richard Condon (author of *The Manchurian Candidate*). Production was disrupted for two years by financial problems; once completed, in 1979, the film received minimal exposure. The British première occurred three years ago on television, though you need to sit in a cinema to get the full effect of Vilmos Zsigmond's glorious camerawork, which makes even a hen-house look ritzy. Alas, the handsome Panavision images do little to heighten the jokes. The writer-director William Richert wields a heavy hand, and manages to waste most of his extraordinary cast (they include John Houston, Anthony Perkins, Sterling Hayden and an uncredited Elizabeth Taylor). For oddity, however, the film wins top marks.

Geoff Brown

Television

Living history

Ours to Keep, (BBC2) is concerned with those who have made the effort to reacquire our history – in last night's example, the new inhabitants of Spitalfields who have restored the early eighteenth-century houses of that area. One resident described his role as that of "living the past": it may seem an odd position to assume but it is a most important one since, if London loses its memory, it also loses its identity.

And these living historians could not have chosen a more significant area: Spitalfields, in the shadow of the great Hawksmoor church, in the vicinity of the Ripper murders, the area which has housed successive waves of immigrants, represents all the horror, the magnificence and the heterogeneity of London itself. And that is why it is so necessary for these houses to survive: they embody something which is not to be found elsewhere and, as one resident suggested, "there is some sort of emotional response to these buildings". This was an evocative documentary, even if the slightly superficial nature of its presentation suggested that television is a less suitable vehicle for cultural understanding than the very people it described.

What television can do, instead, is to provide a more nostalgic or at least stereotypical version of the past – the moving-picture equivalent of Madame Tussaud's, as the current sequence of Miss Marple dramas (BBC1) has demonstrated. Last night's first episode of **A Pocketful of Rye** was in the usual vein, as the well-known nursery rhyme was succeeded by images of the baffled policeman, the tearful chambermaid and the other paraphernalia of television drama. Joan Hickson is probably the best Miss Marple of recent years since she manages to keep the element of caricature to a minimum.

The period detail of this series has been accurate to the point of becoming elaborate, but it lends everything a museum-like quality which does not help to accelerate the action. Last night's episode was diverting enough, however, even if the "excitement" would make a cat laugh. Its end will no doubt be impossible to anticipate and equally difficult to credit.

Peter Ackroyd

Music network tour

Cornelius Cardew
Bloomsbury Theatre

People write music for all sorts of strange reasons, and wishing to express "the passion and drive of the working peoples' struggle against the barbarity of national oppression and wage slavery" is not outstandingly bizarre by the general standard. The later music of Cornelius Cardew, from whom that quotation is taken, is unusual, however, in asking that its reasons be taken into account. And there is good reason why it should do so, for without the ideology the music is nothing.

Of course, the present state of music offers few criteria for defining worthlessness, but I would defy anyone to demonstrate musical interest in the two pieces heard at the start of the second part of Wednesday's concert, "Dartmoor" and "Consciously", both of which sounded like poorly scored and breathtakingly unimaginative backing tracks for pop songs of the most infantile kind. And I am trying to be generous.

But of course this is not the point: one might as well criticize the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers!" for its boring note repetitions and rhythmic banality. People enjoy singing it because of what it is about, and a large section of the audience at this concert will evidently go on enjoying Cardew's music because of what he was about.

Perhaps more interesting, though, are the reasons for his reasons. His espousal of revolutionary socialism around 1969 has usually been presented as causing an artistic volte-face, with the free scores of the 1960s, of which this concert reminded us in performances of *Material* and *Treatise*, suddenly replaced by diatonic songs and slender arrangements of Chinese folktunes. However, one could see Cardew's career as more continuous, beginning with a progressive elimination of composition (*Treatise* is a monument of graphic design intended to stimulate improvisation), and continuing with an elimination of music, which ceases to exist when it becomes merely the vehicle or excuse for some other mode of thought.

Of course, excellent performances can discover music anywhere, but they are not on offer in this programme, which now goes on an Arts Council Contemporary Music Network tour. The nearest one comes is in *Treatise*, but this suffers from the besetting problem of improvisation: it carries no promise of making more sense than one recognizes. Real freedom is something worth working much harder for.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre

Look to the Rainbow
King's Head

As a long-term victim of the McCarthy blacklist and author of "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime? (updated to "Brother, Can You Spare a Rope?" when Nixon got into the White House), E. Y. (Yip) Harburg has strong claims as the permanent radical among Broadway's lyricists. But, as Robert Cushman's pocket-theatre musical demonstrates, any attempt to press-gang him into membership of that or any other club is promptly defeated by Harburg's simple zest for living and his joy in playing with words.

He made a prosperous start in the electrical appliances business, and turned to writing only when hs job was wiped out by the Depression. That did not stop Harburg from spending a large part of his subsequent career in celebrating the American Dream. Even as a journalist, one blushes to use that phrase. Harburg gets away with it, from "Paper Moon" (1932) to "Over the Rainbow" because he believed in it, and (as his spokesman points out in this show) he could never say things directly. Whatever plain old statement he is making gets transformed into amazing rhymes, oblique comedy or somebody else's voice (Bert Lahr's for one).

Hence his love song to a lady tattoed from head to toe ("You can learn a lot from Lydia"), his eighteenth-century salute to spring, when the nylon rippeth and the zips zippeth, and its 1957 equivalent for two stomping ladies in "Ain't It The Truth?" – Life is a rippling brook/Man is a fish to cook."

From what we see of Harburg's one-man musicals, he also seems to have been no slouch when it came to dialogue. Take this, from a finger-lickin' senator: "My whole family's been having trouble with immigrants ever since we came to this country."

Like his Odgen Nash show (also seen at this address), Mr Cushman's production is a cannily arranged anthology, showing off the subject's most succulent aspects, and carried along with just enough linking commentary to place the author in period and give you the flavour of his character. This time there is an autobiographical narrator, played by Jack Gilford, who compensates for a small voice with benevolently mischievous timing, and whose age, compared with that of his five partners, is justified by the fact that Harburg did start performing in his last years.

One charm of this kind of show is to see a nondescript company, in ordinary clothes, one by one revealing their specialities. The obvious queen bee is Isabelle Lucas, whose ringing ululating gospel soprano comes tearing through the ensemble numbers, and stops the show in "Silent Spring", one of the new songs in which Harburg turns back on his favourite dream. Simon Russell-Beale and Mandy More meanwhile stake out their claim as neat, zippy Ziegfeld revue partners; Michael Cantwell as an exponent of wry romance, and the material furthest from Broadway razzmatazz; and Barbara Rosenblat as the resident Manhattan wit.

There was some nervous tightness in Wednesday's performance, but, from the sound of Harold Arlen, Vernon Duke and Jerome Kern emerging from the sidelines, it should not take them long to loosen up; particularly in the ever-present company of Harburg himself, a wise old bird who knew how to tell the truth without spoiling the party.

Irving Wardle

Concert

LMP/Glover
Festival Hall

Like the other programmes in the London Mozart Players' series "Mozart Explored" this one had a unifying thread – in this case Constanze, the girl that Mozart married in 1782 without the consent of his father, as the evening's narrator, Simon Callow, affably told us. Accordingly we heard the overture, three arias and a duet from *Die Entführung aus dem Serail*, completed shortly before the wedding, and all that Mozart wrote of the C minor Mass, intended as a personal celebration shortly afterwards, but never finished.

Although the approach of this famous orchestra remains unaffected by the revolution of period-style playing, it was good to hear its members, under their conductor, Jane Glover, playing so confidently and cleanly.

Unhappily they encountered two off-form sopranos on this occasion. In her aria "Ach ich liebte" Pamela Myers seemed distinctly uncomfortable at the top of her range, possibly due to a cold, and did not improve for the gigantic "Et incarnatus est" in the Mass. Isobel Buchanan displayed some harshness of voice in the "Christe eleison" and "Laudamus te".

However, Anthony Rolfe-Johnson, in the arias "Hier soll ich dich denn sehen" and "O wie ängstlich", experienced no such problems with his light yet smooth and rich sounds. With Stephen Roberts, the final ingredient, the solo quartet delivered a Benedictus in the Mass that was refreshingly well balanced. The voices of the London Choral Society were in splendid form too, attacking Mozart's baroque-inspired choruses with a keenness that, in at least one place, gave rise to an entry of indeterminate pitch. Never mind; this was the English amateur choral tradition at its finest.

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118	118	Dew (George)	118			6.1	10.4	8.1
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Monopolies Commission finds a new Lonrho

The chief executive of Lonrho, Roland (Tiny) Rowland and Sir Edward du Cann, who is now chairman, are to be congratulated on the unanimous verdict of the Monopolies Commission that a merger of Lonrho and House of Fraser "may be expected not to operate against the public interest."

The commission, whose report was brought forward "to reduce market *uncertainty*", has cast Lonrho in a pure white light, the intensity of which may even have astonished Mr Rowland. Surely such a formidable protagonist as he deserved better than the wholly pathetic report Sir Godfray Le Quesne and his panel have seen fit to deliver.? For once Mr Rowland probably agrees with the immediate verdict of Professor Roland Smith, chairman of House of Fraser, who said bitterly yesterday: "There are more U-turns in the report than a London taxi driver performs in Oxford Street."

Mr Rowland, however, must be allowed to savour his moment of triumphant vindication. He has travelled a determined road since Edward Heath saw him as the unacceptable face of capitalism, demonstrably accelerating since 1981 when the Monoplies Commission found that a merger between Lonrho and House of Fraser might be expected to operate against the public interest. In reaching precisely the opposite opinion four years later, the commission decided that the "detriments" so vividly percived in 1981, "in the light of changed circumstances", would no longer have "significant adverse effects."

Where the commission has failed to give Lonrho a complete bill of health, it is in areas which the commission simply decided were not its responsibility to consider. Or as with allegations that Lonrho had breached the undertakings it gave the Government in 1981 not to extend its influence in House of Fraser affairs, it decided it had not sufficient time to investigate. These allegations are the subject of seperate submissions to the Secretary of State, Norman Tebbit who has also received a formal request from Lonrho to be released from these undertakings.

The minister is consulting the Director-General of Fair Trading, Sir Gordon Borrie and will give his decision next week, probably on Tuesday. The House of Fraser board, who have seen their evidence to the Monopolies Commission so comprehensively brushed aside, must fear the worst. The political implications of the long struggle between Lonrho and House of Fraser are such that even Mr Tebbitt, like the Monopolies Commission, may go for the soft option.

At the same time Mr Tebbitt will pronounce on the 400p a share bid for House of Fraser from the Al-Fayed brothers. It would be bizarre if he decided to refer it to the Monopolies Commission, while at the same time releasing, or indeed not releasing, Lonrho is on a lucky streak. Mr Rowland has made it clear to the commission that he intends to bid for House of Fraser but perhaps the time is not yet ripe. A delay might therefore suit Lonrho. Mr Rowland has proved his complete mastery of both frozen and unstable situations.

The Monopolies Commission decision has delighted Sir Hugh Fraser, the former chairman of the stores group. "I'm very glad Tiny has been cleared," he said last night. Sir Hugh has now sold all his family Trust shares and was selling more of his own last week. He sold 650,000 at 410p, "because I thought it was a good price."

Sir Hugh refused to comment, though, on suggestions that he was involved with a Lonrho-led consortium takeover bid for Fraser to rival that of the Al-Fayeds, Mr "Union" Jack Hayward, the millionaire, denied through his secretary from the Bahamas that he was a party to such a bid.

Balancing the 'Budget for jobs'

The jobless figures show why Mr Nigel Lawson needs to match up to his promise of a "Budget for jobs". Although the Department of Employment has some excuses for the size of the increase in the seasonally adjusted figure – which rose by almost 20,000 – there is no question that the trend is still steeply upwards.

The official explanation hinges on troubles with seasonal adjustment. This allows for winter weather, but not the kind of big freeze that – however briefly – halts building programmes. The rise in unemployment was exceptionally large in January and February last year, and the pattern has been repeated in 1985. Let us hope the similarity will extend into this month: March, 1984, showed a sharp slowdown in unemployment growth, and in April the seasonally-adjusted total actually fell, even if only marginally.

The Government's hope must be that the end to the miners strike will stimulate growth and employment enough to make an enduring impact on the figures. But a measure of the task is illustrated by the figures the Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, gave for the increase in employment – up, he says 340,000 in the past year.

Yet, even so, unemployment rose 143,000. So together, these figures suggest it takes an extra half million jobs a year to absorb the increase in the labour supply, even without making an impression on the number of registered jobless. As productivity continues to rise by more than 2 per cent for the economy as a whole, this rise in employment requires a growth rate above that likely to be forecast by the Chancellor, since the rise in interest rates damped down the Treasury's projections.

So the Chancellor is likely to tackle the problem slantwise in the Budget One approach, of course, is to absorb more tof the registered jobless into special programmes; these are already calculated to reduce the unemployment figures by nearly half a million and more are expected either from Mr Lawson or from Lord Young.

The other approach is strictly Treasury business: to use the Budget to try to improve the match between the demand for labour and the supply of it languishing on the dole. A very high proportion of the new jobs cited by Mr King have been filled by people not previously part of the registered unemployment totals.

To some extent, this is a familiar occurrence during an economic upswing, as those discouraged from looking for work earlier reappear in the jobcentres. But it is also stimulated by the eisting income tax, national insurance and social security arrangements, which Mr Lawson is expected to revise.

He will certainly need to pull out all the stops. For unemployment, far from stabilizing, continues to rise consistently. The underlying increase is at least 10,000 a month. At that rate, the total will be well over 3.5 million befor the next election.

Barclays to raise £507m as profits increase by 18%

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Barclays Bank is raising £507 million with the largest rights issue since BP's record 1981 issue, which netted £600 million.

The move will strengthen the balance sheet and help fund future spending. According to Barclays it should leave it the best capitalized of the big clearing banks.

However, Barclays has slipped from its traditional position as the biggest profit-earner among the banks. Pretax profits rose by 18 per cent to £655 million, rather less than expected and below the £671 million reported this week by National Westminister.

Sir Timothy Bevan, chairman, admitted this was slightly disappointing. But drawing on his sailing experience, he added: "I think we've missed the line honours this time but on retained profits we've got the handicap prize." Retentions of £209 million at Barclays were £7 million more than at NatWest.

The rights issue is being done on a deep discount. Shareholders are being offered one new share for each they hold at 150p, well below the market price, which closed 2p up at 584p yesterday.

The big discount avoids the need to have the issue underwritten, saving £11.5 million in fees. It will also reduce the share price which Barclays hopes will encourage wider ownership of its shares.

Total dividends for 1984 are up by 8.3 per cent to 26p net and Barclays said it would ensure that the return to shareholders was at least maintained in 1985. On the theoretical ex-rights price of 366p, this would mean 16.35p net dividends in 1985.

Sir Timothy said that strengthening the capital base would allow Barclays to take advantage of the big changes under way in financial markets. He revealed that £150 million could be invested initially in the securities group, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, which the bank is welding together.

The issue would also help fund developments of new products and spending on technology which is running at £100 million a year.

In common with NatWest and Midland, Barclays earned much higher profits from domestic banking during 1984. The parent bank's profits were 47 per cent higher at £463 *million helped by higher in*come from fees and bank charges, and wider margins, and despite a £12 million rise to £151 million in bad debt provisions.

Most of the provisions in Britain were for sums of £100,000 or less, suggesting that many smaller companies have been having a difficult time despite the pick-up in the economy.

Barclays had mixed fortunes on the international side last year and a provisions remained at high. Out of total group provisions of £525 million, specific sums set aside to cover international operations reached £267 million, up by more than a quarter.

There was a smart recovery in the United States operations, some of which have been through a rough patch. But this *was more than offset by the* downturn in South Africa and Barclays also appears to have come unstuck in Hong Kong, where the need for bad debt provisions left it showing a loss.

CU plunges £72.8m into red

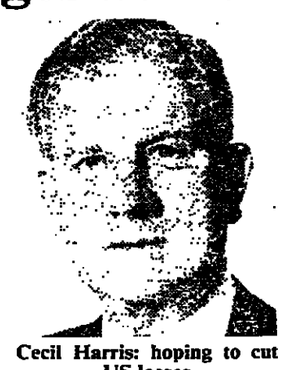
By Richard Thomson

Bad weather and the strong US dollar plunged Commercial Union, one of Britain's largest composite insurers, deep into the red last year.

The company announced yesterday that its £9.3 million pretax profit in 1983 became a loss of £72.8 million in 1984. Exchange rate movements contributed £24.7 million to the loss.

Mr Sandy Marshall, the chairman, said that despite the disappointing overall result, the dividend would be maintained *at last year's level of 11.80p. He* added that CU was still financially strong and, with improving insurance market conditions, he was confident that the company's recovery would begin this year.

The rise in the dollar in 1984 added £63 million in 1983 to £439.4 million last year. A severe winter also contributed



Cecil Harris: hoping to cut US losses

heavily to the underwriting losses in the US and UK.

In the US, underwriting losses increased by over £50 million, from £245.4 million to £301.9 million. In Britain they grew from £43.8 million to £91.6 million while CU's losses elsewhere also rose.

But while operating losses in the US increased to £146.9 million compared with £114.8 million in 1983, the UK operations remained in the black with profits down from £41.8 million to £12.4 million.

Commenting on CU's large lossmaking US operation, Mr Cecil Harris, chief executive, said that the company had already made "substantial progress in fundamentally changing our operations and structure, in line with being a smaller, less expensively administered company."

Together with general premium rate increases, this made the outlook for 1985 and 1986 more encouraging, Mr Harris said. But the improvements would not be enough to restore the company's profitability this year, he added.

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UK current account still in surplus

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain ran a current account surplus of £673 million in the fourth quarter of last year. The current account of the balance of payments for the year as a whole was in surplus by £51 million.

The 1984 current account surplus was sharply down on the £2,543 million surplus recorded in 1983. However, when the estimated £2,750 million effect of the miners' strike is taken into account, there appears to have been a small underlying improvement.

Visible trade was in deficit by £1,327 million in the fourth quarter, and £4,255 million for last year as a whole. This was despite a £7,136 million surplus on oil, and mainly reflected the £11,391 million deficit on non-oil trade, up by more than 40 per cent on the 1983.

Invisible trade, comprising services, interest profits and dividends, was in healthy surplus. The £4,306 million surplus last year was the highest so far, with the main factor a 36 per cent rise in net interest profits and dividends on overseas assets.

The figures on capital account show two recent effects. In the fourth quarter of last year there was a rise in net portfolio investment in the British private sector, mainly because of a £280 million flow from overseas into British Telecom

A second notable effect was the rise from £2,470 millio to £7,036 million in overseas portfolio investment by British banks between 1983 and 1984.

BP raises payout as profits leap

By Jonathan Davis
Business Correspondent

BP underlined its renewed financial strength yesterday when it announced a 60 per cent increase in profits last year, a 25 per cent increase in its dividend, and revealed that its cash mountain has more than doubled to £2,300 million.

The group's management said, however, that it is not prepared to tolerate much longer the heavy losses at its Bingham coppermine in Utah. The mine cost Sohio, BP's American associate, more than £120 million last year, and could be closed unless Sohio succeeds in extracting significant wage cuts from the labour force.

The mine badly needs modernization, but Mr Robert Horton, a BP managing director, said no money would be committed until its costs had been brought down. "We cannot sit by indefinitely. A decision about its future will be taken this year" he said.

Mining apart, BP's results were well up to expectations. Historic cost profits were up by £536 million to £1402 million while on BP's more favoured replacement cost basis they were up by 30 per cent from £970 million to £1264 million.

Exploration and production profits were up by £295 million at £1391 million with the fall in oil prices more than offset by the strong dollar. Downstream profits in refining, marketing and trading fell from £205 million hit by higher local currency crude costs and the adverse impact of the miners' strike on product margins. Sohio's contribution was up £294 million at £2280 million, though much of that was attributable to the gains from translation into sterling.

Total capital spending in the BP group is expected to jump sharply this year from £3,800 million to £5,000 million. BP expects this spending to be met from internally generated funds.

Sir Peter Walters, the chairman, was giving no clues as how BP intends to spend its growing cash reserves.

Record £25.7m payout for John Lewis staff

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

John Lewis Partnership, the staff-controlled department stores and supermarket group, is distributing a record £25.7 million to its 27,000 worker-partners after a trading profits increase of 11 per cent in the year ended January 31.

There would have been more *available for the annual staff* bonus payments but for a much higher tax bill after the Government's national withdrawal of stock relief and reduction in capital allowances.

Bonuses are geared to pay levels and this year will be paid at 19 per cent of salary against 21 per cent last year when the overall distribution was £25 million. The payout is proportionately the fourth biggest since the partnership was created in 1929.

Partnership sales in the year at £1,206 million were up 13 per *cent on the year before, or* nearly 10 per cent.

Trading profits rose to £78.3 million from the previous year's £70.8 million but the tax bill jumped to £13 million compared with £8 million in 1983-84, nearly a two-third increase.

IN BRIEF

Recovery by dollar

The foreign exchange markets were calm yesterday, with the dollar recovering some of Wednesday's losses, but held back by the spectre of another attack by the central banks. The pound lost 85 points to close at $1.0645 in London, later rising to $1.0660 in New York.

The sterling index gained 0.1 to 70.8. Trading was in fairly narrow ranges, with the dollar stuck around the 3.40 level against the mark. News of an escalation of the Gulf War and the possible effect on oil prices helped steady the pound.

Rate outlook

Mortgage rates will almost certainly not rise before the Budget but are likely to be increased by around 1 per cent *soon afterwards. The building* societies, meeting yesterday and today, are expected to defer a decision to raise rates, but they may agree an increase before April 1.

Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency, is buying Rowland Company, one of America's 10 largest public relations companies, for $10 million (£9.3 million), plus ten times the company's average after-tax profits up to the end of 1989.

Chinese pact

Cable and Wireles will sign a joint project agreement in China today for the provision of modern telephone facilities, including direct dialing to Hong Kong in three Chinese cities. The work be carried out in conjunction with the Guangdong Posts and Telecommunications Administrative Bureau.

Cadbury bond

Cadbury Schweppes is raising $80 million (£75 million) through a 15-year convertible bond issue. The group made pretax profits of £124 million, up from £106.0 million, last year on turnover of £2 billion. The full-year dividend is 5.9p against 5.4p last time.

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Dunlop sale

Dunlop has completed the sale of its 51 per cent stake in its Malaysian company to a subsidiary of Sime Darby for £37 million. Consolidated borrowings have been reduced by £50 million as a result. Yesterday saw the second closing date for BTR's £33 million bid for Dunlop.

Bank aid cut

The Bank of England is winding down its temporary assistance to the banking system, intended to cover the tax-paying season. Only half of the £2 billion facility which expires on March 14 will be reneed.

Owners lose in UPI rescue plan

By Cliff Feltham

A rescue plan was worked out last night which appeared to have saved United Press International, the world's largest privately-owned news agency, from bankruptcy.

As part of the deal the owners are to hand over control to the executive they dismissed at the weekend and offer a big stake in the business to their creditors who are owed $17 million (£16m).

A statement from the company said that Mr Douglas Ruhe and Mr William Geissler, who own 90 per cent of the business, are to hand over control to Mr Luis Nogales, whose dismissal on Sunday ove the restructuring proposals led to a walkout by other executives.

The creditors, which include RCA, AT & T, and American Express, are to be offered up to 40 per cent of the shares in return for wiping out the debts, with management ad employees taking stakes of up to 15 per ceni.

"We are confident the creditors will find this plan attractive and will adopt it," said Mr Nogales.

UPI made a small profit in the fins quarter of last year, the first time since 1963.

● **G J COLES:** The company has declared an interim dividend of 8.0 Australian cents (7.5). Net profit rose to A$64.48 million (A$59.62 million) on a turnover of A$3.12 billion (A$2.76 billion).

'Good year' for Ombudsman

By Our City Staff

The Insurance Ombudsman Bureau – set up four years ago to settle consumer complaint – dealt with 3,477 enquiries last year, compared with 3,279 in 1983.

Companies belonging to the IOB have risen to 150, accounting for about 75 per cent of the personal insurance market in Britain.

Introducing the IOB's annual report for 1984, Mrs Joan Macintosh, chairman of the ombudsman's controlling council, said 1984 had been a good year, proving that the IOB was strong enough to bear a rising caseload.

She warned other industries, such as the banks, which are considering setting up a similar body, that the IOB worked because it was based on self-regulation at arm's length from the industry involved.

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FT-SE 100	1285.8(+0.4)
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Sydney: AO	797.7(+0.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1196.6(−5.2)
Brussels:	
General	300.65(−7.58)
Paris: CAC	205.8(+0.2)
Zurich:	
SKA General	341.60(−1.30)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $289.30 pm $289.60
close $289.50-290 (£272.25-272.75)
New York:
Comex (latest) $289.15

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Bolton Textile	24 +4
Goal Pet.	116 +12
Highland Dist.	70 +7
Norfolk Capt.	27½ +2⅔
Burnett & Hallams	55 +5
Weeks Ass.	12 +1
Petranol	265 +20
Barlow Holdings	118 +8
Petrocon Un.	189 +12
Commercial Un.	189 +12
RHP Group	97 +6
W. Runciman	54 +3
Pheonix Timber.	134 +8
Kingsley & Forest	54 +3

FALLS:

Resource Tech.	29 −5
Sunleigh Elec.	7 −1
Sound Diffusion	97 −9
Ingram, Harold	125 −10
Neil & Spencer	39 −3
Sheffield Brick	13 −1
MJI Corp.	13½ −1½
Campari Int.	27 −2
SI Group	41 −3
De Brette, Andre	15 −1
Brown, John	32 −2

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.0645 (−0.0085)
£: DM 3.6145 (−0.0105)
£: SwFr 3.0930 (−0.0030)
£: FFr 11.08 (+0.0140)
£: Yen 278.05 (+1.05)
£ Index: 70.8 (+0.1)

New York:
£: $1.0660
$: DM 3.4035
$ Index: 155.7 (−1.1)
ECU: £0.614091
SDR: £0.897621

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 14%
3-month Interbank: 14-13⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 13½-13¼% buying rate

US:
Prime Rate: 10.50%
Federal Funds: 8⅞%
3-month Treasury Bills: 8.80 8.76%
Long bond: 94³²⁄₃₂-94¹⁄₁₆ yield

...THE STORY TO DATE

BTR's earnings per share.

1974 +66.3%
1975 +34.8%
1976 +77.4%
1977 +20.0%
1978 +22.7%
1979 +24.7%
1980 +29.7%
1981 +21.4%
1982 +20.1%
1983 +33.0%
1984 +39.0%

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FOLLOW THE STORY NEXT YEAR...

WALL STREET

	Mar 6	Mar 5
AMF Inc	16⅞	16⅞
AMR	40¼	41⅝
Allied Corp	39⅜	39⅞
Allied Stores	54⅛	54½
Allis Chalmers	7¼	7
Alcoa	36	36¼
Amax Inc	17	17⅜
Amerada Hess	28⅞	29⅜
Am Brands	68⅜	68⅞
Am Broadcast	67⅝	67⅞
Am Can	50	50⅜
Am Cyanamid	53	53⅜
Am Elec Power	20¾	20⅞
Am Home	58⅝	58⅞
Am Motors	3	3⅛
Am Nat Res	61½	61⅞
Am Standard	33½	33⅞
Am Telephone	21⅝	21⅞
Armco Steel	9⅛	10
Asarco	23¾	24⅛
Ashland Oil	29	29⅛
Atlntic Richfield	48¾	48⅝
Avco	49⅛	49⅞
Avon Products	22⅛	22⅜
Bankers Tst NY	62⅝	62⅞
Bankamerica	19⅝	19½
Bank of Boston	43⅜	43½
Bank of NY	39	39⅜
Beatrice Foods	30⅝	30⅞
Bethlehem Steel	16⅞	17⅜
Boeing	64½	65½
Boise Cascade	40⅝	40⅞
Borden	68⅝	68½
Borg Warner	21½	22
Bristol Myers	56	56⅞
BP	23¾	23⅞
Burlington Ind	26½	27⅛
Burlington Nthn	54⅜	54⅞
Burroughs	62	63⅜
Campbell Soup	66⅞	66⅝
Canadian Pacific	44⅞	45⅛
Caterpillar	31¾	32⅛
Celanese	92½	93⅛
Central Soya	19½	19⅝
Champion	21⅞	22⅛
Chase Manhat	52⅝	52⅝
Chem Bank NY	38½	39⅜
Chevron	34¾	34⅝
Chrysler	33¾	33½
Cincorp	41⅞	42⅛
Clark Equip	30½	30⅞
Coca Cola	65⅜	65⅝
Colgate	24	23¾
CBS	86⅛	85⅞
Columbia Gas	30	29⅝
Combustion Eng	36½	36⅞
Comwth Edison	28	27⅞
Cons Edison	30⅜	30⅝
Cons Foods	35⅜	35½
Cons Power	6⅞	6⅝
Control Data	35⅝	35⅞
Corning Glass	37	37⅛
CPC Intl	41⅞	42⅛
Cram	34½	34⅛
Crocker Int	25⅝	25⅝
Crown Zeller	35½	35⅞
Dart & Kraft	92½	92⅝
Deere	31⅜	31⅝
Delta Air	46¼	46⅜
Detroit Edison	15⅞	15⅝
Digital Equip	106⅜	109⅛
Disney	76½	76⅝
Dow Chemical	29½	29⅝
Dresser Ind	21⅝	21½
Duke Power	30	30½
Du Pont	53⅞	53⅞
Eastern Air	6⅛	6¼
Eastman Kodak	69⅝	70
Eaton Corp	57½	58⅛
Emerson Elect	75⅜	75¼
Evans Prod	2¼	2⅜
Exxon Corp	48½	49¼
Fed Dept Stores	56½	55½
Firestone	18	18⅛
Fst Chicago	23½	23⅝
Fst Intrst Bncp	47	46⅝
Fst Penn Corp	7½	7½
Ford	44½	45⅞
GAF Corp	29⅝	29⅛
GTE Corp	42⅝	43⅜
Gen Corp	40	39⅝
Gen Dynamics	77⅜	79½
Gen Electric	63½	63⅝
Gen Foods	61¼	60⅛
Gen Mills	55	55⅛
Gen Motors	76⅝	78⅜
Gen Pub Util NY	12½	12⅝
Genesco	5¼	5⅜
Georgia Pacific	24	24⅞
Gillette	57⅜	58⅛
Goodrich	26	26⅜
Goodyear	27⅝	28
Gould Inc	23⅝	24½
Grace	41	41⅜
Gt Atlnc & Pacific	15⅞	16
Greyhound	26⅝	27⅞
Grumman Corp	26	28⅞
Gulf & West	33⅜	33⅝
Gulf Oil	32⅝	32⅝
Harris Corp	47⅞	48⅜
Honeywell	63⅞	64
IC Inds	31½	31⅞
Ingersoll	49⅛	49½
Inland Steel	24½	25⅛
IBM	132½	135
Int Harvester	10⅝	10⅝
INCO	13⅜	13⅞
Int Paper	49¾	49¾
Int Tel Tel	33½	32⅛
Irving Bank	33⅛	33
Jim Walter	34½	34½
Johnson & John	39⅛	39⅝
Kaiser Alumin	14	14⅛
Kerr McGee	32⅝	32⅝
Kimberly Clark	49⅝	49⅝
K Mart	35⅞	35⅞
Kroger	40⅛	40⅛
L.T.V. Corp	10⅝	11½
Litton	66⅛	66½
Lockheed	51	52⅞
Louisiana Pcres	19⅝	19⅝
Manuf Hanover	36	36⅝
Manville Cp	7⅜	7½
Mapco	31½	31⅛
Marine Midland	32⅝	33
Martin Marietta	50⅝	51⅞
McDonnell	81½	83⅜
Mead	37⅛	38⅛
Merck	100	99⅛
Minnesota Mng	83	84⅜
Mobil Oil	28⅝	30⅛
Monsanto	44	44⅜
Morgan J. P.	45½	45⅞
Motorola	32⅛	33⅝
NCR Corp	29⅞	29⅞
NL Industries	11⅜	11⅝
Nabisco	53⅝	54⅜
Nat Distillers	25⅛	25⅝
Nat Med Ent	27¼	27⅝
Norfolk South	65½	65
NW Bancorp	25⅝	25⅝
Occidental Pet	28⅛	28⅛
Ogden	30⅞	31½
Olin Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Owens-Illinois	40⅝	41½
Pacific Gas Elec	17⅜	17⅝
Pan Am	4⅛	4
Penney J C.	47⅝	48⅞
Pennzoil	47½	47⅜
Pepsico	48¼	49
Pfizer	40¾	41¼
Phelps Dodge	19⅛	19⅝
Philip Morris	93⅞	93¼
Phillips Petrol	49⅝	49⅝
Polaroid	25½	26
PPG Ind	38½	38
Proctor Gamble	56⅝	57⅜
Pub Ser El & Gas	29⅝	29⅞
Raytheon	45	45⅞
RCA Corp	39⅛	40⅜
Reynolds Ind	82½	83¼
Reynolds Metal	37⅝	37⅞
Rockwell Int	37½	37⅝
Royal Dutch	53	53
Safeways	33⅛	33⅜
SFE Sopac	27⅞	27⅞
SCM	49⅞	50
Schlumberger	40⅛	41¼
Scott Paper	37⅜	37⅞
Seagram	42⅜	42⅝
Sears Roebuck	35	35⅛
Shell Oil	59⅜	59⅜
Shell Trans	34¼	33⅞
Singer	37⅝	37
Smithkline Beck	61½	62⅜
Sonv	16⅛	16⅞
Sth Cal Edison	22½	22½
Sperry Corp	50⅜	51⅛
Std Oil Indiana	63½	62⅞
Std Oil Ohio	45⅛	45⅛
Sterling Drug	28⅞	28⅞
Stevens J. P.	19½	19⅝
Sun Comp	51	51
Teledyne	260½	264½
Tenneco	39⅞	40⅛
Texaco	35⅝	35⅞
Texas East Corp	31½	31⅝
Texas Inst	106½	109½
Texas Utilities	26½	26⅝
United Brands	12⅛	13
US Steel	27¼	28½
United Technol	43⅝	43⅝
Wachovia	31½	31⅜
Warner Lambert	37½	38⅛
Wells Fargo	53⅝	53½
Westinghse Elec	31	31½
Weyerhauser	29⅝	30⅛
Whirlpool	46½	46½
Woolworth	40	40⅜
Xerox Corp	45¾	45⅝
Zenith	22½	22½

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	51	51½
Alcan Alumin	36⅝	36⅞
Algoma Steel	22	21
Bell Telephone	39¼	39½
Can Pacific	62½	63⅜
Dominco	14⅜	14½
Cons Bathurst	18½	18½
Gulf Oil	18⅛	18⅛
Hawker/Std Can	22½	22
Hudson Bay Min	17¾	7⅞
Imasco	53⅞	53⅞
Imperial Oil	48⅜	48⅝
Int Pipe	34½	34
Mass.-Fergsn	4.00	4.05
Royal Trustco	19⅝	19
Seagram	59⅝	59⅝
Steel Co	23½	23⅝
Thomson N 'A'	60	56½
Walker Hiram	28½	28½
WCT	15½	15¼

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Shares still depressed

New York (AP Dow-Jones) – *Shares remained lower in early active trading.* The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.42 points to 1,275.95 with declines outnumbering advances *by about 5–to–2.*

Mr Ralph Acampora, vice-president for technical analysis at Kidder Peabody, said the negative action yesterday morning was a carryover from comments on Wednesday by Mr Paul Volcker, Federal Reserve Board chairman

"The move below 1.280 is concerning some technicians while a close below 1.270 would *do some structural* damage to the Dow", he said.

Mr Acampora said it was time to look at blue chips. "It's a buying opportunity, but not across the board", he said.

International Business Machines was 132¾, down ⅛; General Motors 78⅝, down ⅛; General Electric 63⅛, down ⅛; Exxon 48½, unchanged; Teledyne 257¼, down 3; Texas Instruments 106¾, up ½; Merck 99¾, down ¼ and Eastman Kodak 69⅝, down ⅛.

Crown Zellerback was 37¾, up 2¼. Sir James Goldsmith *has reportedly been buying the* shares.

Lockheed was down 1¼ to 49¾; McDonnell Douglas down 2 at 79½; Shcering-Plough unchanged at 38¾; General Dynamics down ⅞ at 76½; Unocal up ⅝ at 47¾; Chicago Milwaukee up 1¼ to 158¾; Cyclops down 2¼ to 49½ and Data General down ½ at 52⅛.

COMMODITIES

The following figures refer to Wednesday's trading.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

COFFEE
Mar 2395–85
May 2435–33
Jly 2473–72
Sep 2505–04
Nov 2498–95
Jan 2482–75
Mar 2470–60
Vol 387/2028

GAS OIL
Mar 23300–3250
Apr 22275–2250
May 21975–1950
Jne 21800–1750
Jly 21825–1800
Aug 22300–1700
Sep 22700–1700
Oct 23200–1700
Nov 23700–1700
Vol NIL/2319

RUBBER
Apr 730–690
May 740–700
Jun 750–710
Jul 760–720
Aug 770–730
Sep 780–740
Oct 790–750
Nov 800–760
Dec 810–770
Apr/Jun 745–700
Jul/Sep 775–730
Oct/Dec 805–760
Vol ..... 3 at 15 tonnes

SUGAR
May 117.2–17.0
Aug 125.2–24.8
Oct 133.0–32.6
Dec 140.0–39.0
Mar 154.4–54.2
May 160.0–59.4
Aug 170.0–68.0
Vol 785

COCOA
Mar 2108–00
May 2088–87
Jly 2068–65
Sep 2058–52
Dec 1980–78
Mar 1975–75
May 1980–65
Vol 401/8040

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures

Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd., report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 1282.50–1283.50
Three months 1259.50–1300.0
T/O 23,275
Tone ..... Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 1272.0–1274.0
Three months 1293.01295.0
T/O ..... Nil
Tone ..... Steady

TIN STANDARD
Cash 10225–1230
Three months 10230–10235
T/O 395
Tone ..... Steady

TIN HIGH–GRADE
Cash 10235–10245
Three months 10240–10250
T/O 100
Tone ..... Quiet

LEAD
Cash 327.0–327.50
Three months 335–335.50
T/O 2,325
Tone ..... Steady

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 828–829
Three months 808–809
T/O 13,100
Tone ..... Steady, quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 838.0–840.0
Three months 838.–842.0
T/O ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

SILVER LARGE
Cash 534–535
Three months 553.0–553.5
T/O 81
Tone ..... Quiet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 534.0–535.0
Three months 553.0–553.5
T/O ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 1028–1028.50
Three months 1054.50–1055.0
T/O 5,575
Tone ..... Steady

NICKEL
Cash 4855–4885
Three months 4890–4900
T/O 108
Tone ..... Steady

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
There were no dealings in the London Gold Futures Market yesterday.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 6:
GB: Cattle, 94.54p per kg lw (+0.03).
GB: Sheep, 186.45p per kg est d c w (+18.86).
GB: Pigs, 77.35p per kg lw (–2.54).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 5.5 per cent, ave. price, 94.71p (+0.31).
Sheep nos. up 0.5 per cent, ave. price, 186.43p (+18.45).
Pig nos. down 8.0 per cent, ave. price, 77.35p (–2.54).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 12.8 per cent, ave. price, 93.71p (+0.25).
Sheep nos. down 6.0 per cent, ave. price, 179.90p (+20.14).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	£114.05	£113.25
May	£117.95	£116.80
Jul	£121.40	–
Sep	£97.10	£96.80
Nov	£100.40	£100.40
Jan	£104.20	£104.15

Total lots traded
Wheat 210
Barley 28

APPOINTMENTS

Aerospace Communication Systems: Mr Simon Newington-Bridges has been appointed managing director.

The Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries: Mr Alan Flockhart has been made financial director. He succeeds *Mr Bob Houle.*

Vickers da Costa: Mr Henry Cheong has been appointed a director.

Jackson Exploration: Mr *Robert A. Harrison has joined* the board of directors.

Charter Consolidated: Mr J. W. Herbert joins the board.

Lovell Construction (Southern): Mr Ron Bates has been appointed a director.

Bunzl Merchanting Group: Mr F. J. David is appointed chairman, Mr D. H. Eggle managing director and Messrs R. A. Bell, Mr J. A. Hill and Mr A. D. Phillips directors.

Wimpey Marine: Mr H. L. Tottenham has become managing director in succession to Mr R. Butcher, who has retired.

Magnet & Southerns: Mr J T Duxbury becomes chairman following the retirement of Mr Sam Oxford.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● PARINGA MINING: Half-year to Dec 31. Figs. in £000. Turnover 741 (884). Pretax loss 148 (213 profit). Loss per share 0.53 (0.58p *earnings*). *Earnings* were significantly affected by reduced revenue from *Que River* ore.

● RESOURCE TECHNOLOGY: Half-year to Oct 31. No interim dividend (single dividend 0.7p). The board will review the position at the end of the year. (Figs in £000 – comparisons restated). Turnover 4.761 (3.833). Interest 76 (17). Pretax profit 277 (647). EPS 1.6p (3.8p).

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates were marked down at the outset yesterday after Mr Paul Volcker's latest comment on the Budget deficit knocked the dollar. But it did not stay down for too long, however, so rates soon began to edge up again.

At the close, most periods were about ⅛ per cent easier on balance. Business remained small-scale as operators watched the pound and waited for pointers like the money supply news and the budget in the next couple of weeks.

Overnight money hovered around 14½ per cent for much of the session, but finally fell back to 10 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 14
Finance House 12½

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 14¼ Low 10
Week fixed: 14

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 months 13⅝; 3 months 13½
Selling: 2 months 13½; 3 months 13¼

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 13⅝–13½; 2 months 13⅝–13⅜; 3 months 13½–13¼; 4 months 12⅞–12¾

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 14⅛; 2 months 14½; 3 months 14⅜; 6 months 13⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 14⅝ close 10
1 week 14⅝–14½; 6 months 13⅞–13⅝
1 month 14⅝–14½; 9 months 13–12⅞
3 months 14–13⅞; 12 months 12⅝–12½

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 14½; 7 days 14⅛
1 month 14½; 3 months 13⅞
6 months 13¼; 12 months 12⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 14⅞–14⅝; 2 months 14½–14¼
3 months 14⅜–14⅛; 6 months 13⅞–13⅝
9 months 13½–13⅜; 12 months 13¼–12⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 14⅛–14; 3 months 13⅝–13⅜
6 months 13⅜–13⅛; 12 months 12⅝–12⅜

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 9–8.90; 3 months 9.50–9.40
6 months 10.15–10; 12 months 11.10–10.90

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅛–7⅜
7 days	8⅞–8⅝	1 month	9⅛–9
3 months	9⅛–8⅞	6 months	10⅛–10
Deutschemark		call	6⅛–5⅞
7 days	6⅛–6	1 month	6⅛–6
3 months	6⅛–6	6 months	6⅛–6⅛
French Franc		call	11–10
7 days	10¹¹⁄₁₆–10⅝	1 month	10¹¹⁄₁₆–10¹¹⁄₁₆
3 months	11¼–11	6 months	11⅜–11⅛
Swiss Franc		call	3⅝–3½
7 days	3⅞–3	1 month	3⅝–3½
3 months	5⅝–5⅜	6 months	5⅝–5⅜
Yen		call	6¼–5¾
7 days	6⅞–6⅝	1 month	6⅝–6¼
3 months	6¼–6⅛	6 months	6⅝–6⅜

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$298–299.50 (£280–281.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$89–70 (£66–68)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 6 February 1985, inclusive: 13.883 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The foreign exchange market spent a relatively calm session, after early volatile and nervous trading.

The dollar once again dominated events, recovering quite well from an initial markdown against most leading currencies.

Initially, the market looked uncertain on fears that the central banks might mount a raid to exploit the previous session's sharp decline in the dollar.

However, with no intervention materializing a good recovery swiftly ensued.

The pound, however, although off the bottom (1.0600) continued to look vulnerable to oil price uncertainty finishing the day 85 points lower at 1.0645 although its trade weighted index managed to hold on to a small improvement at 70.8 compared with 70.7

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 7	Market rates close March 7	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.0605-1.0720	$1.0695-1.0705	0.47-0.45c prem	1.11-1.07c prem
Montreal	$1.4866-1.4933	$1.4873-1.4933	0.42-0.33c prem	0.82-0.66c prem
Amsterdam	4.0785-4.1075fl	4.0945-4.1075fl	2¾–2¼c prem	6¾–6¼c prem
Brussels	72.45-73.02f	72.87-73.02f	25-21c prem	58-50c prem
Copenhagen	12.9192-12.9935k	12.9435-12.9935k	2¾–3¼ore prem	7¾–8¼ore prem
Dublin	1.1614-1.1682p	1.1635-1.1645p	4 prem-14p disc	3-48p disc
Frankfurt	3.6099-3.6297m	3.6197-3.6295m	2¼–2¾pf prem	6⅞–7⅜pf prem
Lisbon	196.30-199.53e	196.84-199.53e	25-450e disc	430-1300e disc
Madrid	199.80-200.90p	200.24-200.78p	60-10p disc	65-30p disc
Milan	2243.10-2265.60lr	2255.40-2264.17lr	1 prem-2lr disc	4-18lr disc
Oslo	10.3388-10.4298k	10.3784-10.4298k	¼–1¼ore prem	2¾–1¾ore prem
Paris	11.0160-11.0968f	11.0653-11.0968f	3¼–2¾c prem	7¼–6¼c prem
Stockholm	10.2425-10.3296k	10.2866-10.3296k	¼ore prem-par	¼ prem-½ore disc
Tokyo	277.05-280.00y	277.70-278.38y	1¼–1¾y prem	3¼–3y prem
Vienna	25.38-25.52sch	25.40-25.51sch	17/16–15/16gro prem	45/8–42/8gro prem
Zurich	3.0751-3.0963f	3.0885-3.0975f	2¾–2½c prem	6¼–6¾c prem

Sterling Index compared with 1975 was up 0.1 at 70.8 (day's range 71.0-70.5).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9135-0.9155
Singapore	2.2760-2.2775
Malaysia	2.8005-2.8020
Australia	0.6810-0.6930
Canada	1.3970-1.3980
Sweden	9.85-9.86
Norway	9.74-9.75
Denmark	12.1550-12.1650
West Germany	3.3960-3.3980
Switzerland	2.9000-2.9030
Netherlands	3.8450-3.8500
France	10.3850-10.3950
Japan	261.00-261.15
Italy	2114-2119
Belgium(Comm)	68.15-68.25
Hong Kong	7.8005-7.8020
Portugal	186-188
Spain	186.90-187.10
Austria	23.85-23.90

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	300.95-301.51
Australia dollar	1.5375-1.5442
Bahrain dinar	0.4015-0.4055
Brazil cruzeiro*	4256.80-4282.13
Cyprus pound	0.7250-0.7350
Finland markka	7.47-7.51
Greek drachma	159.10-162.10
Hong Kong dollar	8.3114-8.3248
India rupee	13.86-14.06
Iraqi dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3260-0.3300
Malaysia dollar	2.7709-2.7764
Mexico peso	235-260
New Zealand dollar	2.3417-2.3978
Saudi Arabia riyal	3.8445-3.8845
Singapore dollar	2.2450-2.4301
South Africa rand	2.1590-2.1665
United Arab Emirates dirham	3.9090-3.9490

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

The following figures refer to Wednesday's trading.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 85	86.08	86.09	86.05	86.06	237
Jun 85	87.50	87.55	87.45	87.48	864
Sep 85	88.50	88.55	88.45	88.48	22
Dec 85	88.48	88.48	88.40	88.38	10
Sep 85	–	–	–	88.30	–
Previous day's total open interest 8642					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 85	90.33	90.37	90.27	90.29	931
Jun 85	89.35	89.38	89.23	89.24	4850
Sep 85	88.86	88.89	88.75	88.75	486
Dec 85	88.48	88.50	88.37	88.37	238
Mar 85	88.17	88.17	88.17	88.08	15
Previous day's total open interest 16224					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 85	69-09	69-13	69-07	69-12	227
Jun 85	68-11	68-17	68-06	68-14	1291
Sep 85	NT	–	–	–	–
Dec 85	NT	–	–	–	–
Previous day's total open interest 2038					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	103-19	103-30	103-19	103-26	268
Jun 85	104-10	104-23	104-07	104-18	1224
Sep 85	–	–	–	106-05	–
Dec 85	–	–	–	107-12	0
Mar 85	NT	–	–	106-01	0
Previous day's total open interest 4359					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	127.15	128.20	127.15	128.00	272
Jun 85	128.30	128.50	128.30	128.50	272
Mar 85	–	–	–	128.70	0
Previous day's total open interest 1879					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984-85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	119	Aberdeen	178		7.5	4.2	
101	58	Alba	101	+1	2.0b	2.0	
655	445	Alliance	655		20.7	3.2	
155	88½	Amer Trust	152	–1	3.6	2.4	
302	218	Ang Amer Sec	302		8.5	2.8	
427	319	Ashdown	426		11.7	2.7	
120	75	Atlantic Assets	116	–1	0.7	0.6	
101	67	Bankers	101		3.5	3.5	
194	130	Barry	191		1.4	0.7	
173	117	Border & Sthrn	173	+1	4.7	2.7	
107	79	Br Amer Gen	106		3.7	3.5	
215	140½	Br Assets	213	–1	9.7b	4.6	
30½	20½	Br Empire Sec	28½		1.3	4.5	
373	261	British Inv	373	+5	18.3b	4.9	
75	55	Brunner	73		3.1b	4.2	
97	69	Charter Agency	97		3.5	3.6	
650	415	Continental	650	+10	25.7b	4.0	
178	125	Crescent Japan	176	–1	1.1	0.7	
480	275	Delta	480				
108	80	Derby Inv	108		10.2	10.2	
99	69	Do Cap	98				
295	241	Drayton Cons	295		12.7	4.4	
148	88	Drayton Far East	143	–1	1.8	1.1	
420	293	Drayton Japan	418	–2	3.8	0.9	
413	296	Drayton Promotor	408	+1	18.2	4.5	
174	140	Dundee Lon	174		6.7	3.8	
235	146	Edin Amer Asset	224	–4	1.3	0.6	
117	87	Edinburgh	115		3.7	3.2	
290	210	Electric Gen	290	+1	4.8b	1.7	
251	182	English Int	251		9.8b	3.8	
78	52	English Scot	77		1.8	2.3	
139	89	English NY	136		3.4	2.4	
88	69	F&C Alliance	86		2.4	2.5	
187	117	F&C Pacific	182	–2	5.0b	3.1	
226	162	Family	226	+2	9.4	4.6	
278	194	First Scot Amer	275		12.9b	4.8	
245	169	First Un Gen	278		8.7	3.1	
251	182	Fleming American	251	–7	7.5	3.3	
260	185	Fleming Clever	252		12.4	4.9	
188	130	Fleming Enterprise	188		11.7	6.2	
228	160	Fleming Far East	224	+1	10.7	4.8	
260	183	Fleming Fledgling	260		2.9	1.1	
107	83	Fleming Fledgling	107		3.6	3.3	
260	188	Fleming Japan	258	–2	4.3	0.8	
117	90	Fleming Mercantile	117		4.3	3.7	
134	92	Fleming Overseas	129		3.3b	2.6	
165	119½	Fleming Tech	162	–2	3.1	1.9	
334	215	Fleming Universal	334		9.6	2.9	
148	98	For Col	148		3.6	2.5	
132	92	GEIC Capital	116				
185	139	GT Japan	183		2.0b	1.1	
610	433	General Funds	610	+2	13.8	2.2	
257	184	General Cons	256		13.1	5.1	
121	77	Glasgow Stock	121		2.8	2.4	
278	197	Glenmar	275	+1	10.2	3.7	
215	157½	Greenfriar	215		5.3	2.5	
275	157½	Gresham House	250	–10	5.7	2.3	
162	114	Hambro	157		5.4	3.4	
254	187	Do (Pty)	254	–1	12.2b	4.8	
538	390	Invest-In Success	538		7.8	1.4	
235	182	Inv Cap	229		8.2	3.6	
68½	43	Japan Assets	68½		0.1	0.1	
228	213	Lake View	222	+1	8.4	3.8	
197	130	Law Debenture	197		7.1b	3.7	
68	54	Lon Merchant Sec	67		2.8	4.2	
107	71	Lon Trust	106		3.8	3.7	
90	70	Merchants	88	+1	3.4b	3.9	
173	121	Monks	173		3.4b	2.0	
118	85	Murray Income	117		6.4b	5.5	
98	67	Murray Growth	98		2.0	2.0	
134	95	Murray Int	133		4.4b	3.3	
188	122	Murray Smail	188	+2	3.3	1.8	
287	205	Murray Venture	287		6.1	2.2	
383	300	New Court	381		20.4	5.3	
76	58	New Darien Cl	76		0.4e	0.5	
177	139	1928	176		7.6	4.3	
43	34	Nwbrrog Inc 88	37½		2.3b	6.2	
243	196	New Tokyo	218	+1	2.1	1.0	
324	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	324		4.6	1.4	
118	88	Nthn Sec Assets	110	–5	0.7	0.6	
283	209	Nthn Amer	283		7.7	2.7	
137	97	Rebeck	137		4.1	3.0	
48	34	Personal Assets	41		0.5	1.4	
331	243	Raeburn	331		12.8	4.1	
137	88	Rmbr & Merc	135		7.1	5.4	
238	168	River Plate	234	–4	10.3	4.6	
150	138	Robeco	150	–2			
171	127	Rolinco	171	+1			
288	185	Romney	288		6.6	2.5	
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank may bid for discount house

By Pam Spooner

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation may be about to make a takeover bid for **Gerrard & National**, one of the City's leading discount houses.

Gerrard shares stood at 329p yesterday, as dealers took up positions in the wake of the recent bid by **Citicorp** of the US for **Seccombe Marshall & Campion**. That was the first occasion on which the Bank of England had allowed foreign company to make a move for a discount house.

That could be just the precedent Hongkong & Shanghai needs. It already has a 29.9 per cent stake in James Capel, the London stockbroker, while Capel in turn has set up a joint venture with Gerrard to form a market-making operation in the reshaped gilts maket due to come into force next year. There is a strong case for Hongkong & Shanghai mop up the pair.

A few weeks ago the very idea would have looked far-fetched. But there seems very little to stop such a tie-up after the Seccombe bid.

At the time of the half-year figures last August, Hongkong & Shanghai revealed that it was still looking for a European banking acquisition, and many *market men expect the group to* return to the Royal Bank fray. But the Hong Kong company could easily fit Gerrard into its acquisition list.

Gerrard is valued at just over £100 million, while Hongkong & Shanghai shares are trading close to a peak level at 105½p, giving the group a market value of roughly £3,000 million. The bank's shares have strengthened considerably in recent months along with the upturn in the Hong Kong stock market.

While groups in the City ponder the possibilities for Gerrard and Hongkong & Shanghai, there is plenty more action in the financial sector.

Exco International shares moved ahead yesterday as the market prepares for the full year figures this month. The shares were up 20p at 678p.

Profit forecasts for the money broking and information group have risen steadily in recent months. In January stockbroking firms such as Laing & Cruickshank and Grieveson Grant were predicting profits of £75 million and £77 million, against 1983 figures of £32.5 million.

Now forecasts are for £80 million and above, with brokers looking forward to profits of £108 million in the current year. Increased volumes in money broking markets and improvements at Telerate, the US information services company in which Exco has a 52 per cent stake, both contribute to the growing optimism.

"Buy" is the message at many brokers, and Laing & Cruickshank says: "We are still bullish about Exco at this price level". There is still plenty of mileage in Telerate, the analysts suggest, especially since American brokers continue to enthuse about Telerate shares.

Share prices among the clearing banks looked less healthy after the week's rush of profits and rights issue news, although that news has been better than many expected.

National Westminster shares dipped 18p to 624p – the bank reported profits of £641 million on Tuesday. **Midland Bank** slipped 3p to 344p; Midland appears to be controlling the earnings loss at Crocker. **Barclays** shares showed a small improvement alongside yesterday's profits and cash call announcement.

Elsewhere in the markets, trading slackened while the latest bout of corporate earnings news was absorbed. The figures from **British Petroleum**, while below some of the more hopeful estimates, kept the market happy and the shares gained 3p to 551p.

Also in the top 30 list, **BTR** let the effect of profit-taking dipping 7p to 657p after recent results and **British Telecom** saw action ahead of its expected profits news. The BT share price pushed through 130p at one stage before settling for a ½p gain to 128½p.

Blue Circle lost ground, falling 8p to 513p, despite recomendations from leading brokers to buy the shares. The recent increase in cement prices is expected to give a long awaited boost to margins.

By the end of the day the 30-share index showed a 2.8 point fall to 987.6, and the FT-SE 100 share measure edged 0.4 of a point higher to 128.5, having shrugged off early losses. NatWest and Blue Circle provided most ofthe downward impetus in the shorter list.

Market enthusiasm for insurance brokers is rising as the dividend season gets under way in the next trading Account. Both **Sedgwick Group** and **Willis Faber** report full year results on March 14 and buying of the shares has been strong in recent days.

Mr Geoffrey Hoodless, analyst at W. Greenwell, points out two main features in the sector's appeal. Premiums for reinsurance are rising, pushing up brokers' income, and a sharp reduction in underwriting capacity in America has brought business to the London market.

The boom in trade for Lloyds of London is such that business is being turned away.

But, says Mr Hoodless and other analysts around Throgmorton Street, the bulk of the upturn will not show through in the 1984 figures. This week's buyers of broking shares are looking further into the future. Profits in 1985 will reveal the extras.

Yesterday, Sedgwick shares rose 16p to 379p, the jobbers caught somewhat short of stock by the buying spate, and Willis Faber gaining 17p to 659p in the same atmosphere.

W. Greenwell forecast 1984 profits of £88 million against £80.1 million for Sedgwick, and £42 million against £38.3 million for Willis Faber.

Highland Distilleries rose 7p to 70p on news that Heublein, one of the biggest spirits marketers and distributors in America, has agreed to take the company's Famous Grouse brand on board with the aim of building it into one of the leading Scotch premium blends in the US. Mr John Macphail, chairman, said he was confident Heublein had the ability to make Grouse a leading brand in the American market.

Marshall's Universal, which last year shook off a bid from Grovebell, went 3p better at 77p as it prepared to reach a deal whereby it hives off its East African motor dealing business.

The sale of its Peugeot and Volvo dealerships should bring *in about £3.9 million after tax* and expenses helping reduce borrowings. Marshall's wants to concentrate on its British activities, paper and component distribution.

Brengreen, the office cleaning group, went 1p easier at 47½p after agreeing to pay £5.5 million for Four Seasons Roofing which instals and repairs factory and office roofs. The business is expecting to report profits of not less than £600,000 for last year.

Meanwhile, Brengreen says it believes there is scope for similar deals to the one reached to clean the Debenhams store chain. While the health care business is slow, it should improve significantly over the next two to three years.

Tootal was unchanged at 71½p after news that Entrad UK has extended its £124 million cash bid for a further two weeks. At the first closing date Entrad had received acceptance representing less than 1.1 per cent of Tootal's shares.

Highland Participants jumped 37p to 217p on news that the group proposes to place 1.25 million new shares with a number of institutions at 150p to raise £1.875 million to expand the company's activites in Britain and America. Since the £500,000 rights issue last July, this fledginglinh oil and gas exploration group says it has participated in the drilling of four wells. They have all been tested and proved to be commercial. It is now engaged in drilling a further five.

Oil shares brightened despite the continuing uncertainties for world oil prices. The good profits news from BP spurred the price rises.

Enterprises Oil, fast becoming a favourite with the analysts, rose 3p to 200p, and there were similar sized gains for **Carless Capel & Leonard, Charterhall, Jackson Exploration** and **Sovereign Oil & Gas. Shell** and other leading oil shares lost ground.

Sound Diffusion shares continue to tumble on trading and rights issue worries. Yesterday, the price fell aother 9p to 97p, making a near 30 per cent fall in value in less than a month. The chairman, Mr Paul Stonor, still says: "I know of no trading reason why our share price should be as low as it is. We are currently advertising for 20 new salesmen and plan further expantion". Sheppards & Chase, stockbroker to the company, appears equally mystified and sticks to its £12 million 1984 profit forecast.

F H Tomkins' shares are enjoying another run, rising 20p, at one stage in the last 48 hours. Mr Gregg Hutchings, managing director and one of the men credited with the ability to turn the group into a stock market star, will not comment on speculation of a substantial deal at hand. Yesterday, Tomkins' shares touched 184p before profit-taking cut the price back to 179p.

Takeover talk is growing about Appleyard Group, the garage and car dealing business. Profits news is on the way and once that is over, a bidder is expected to show his hand. Recently the shares have traded close to the top end of their range. Yesterday, the price stood at 56p.

Traded option highlights

Traded options business perked up yesterday, helped by higher activity in BP contracts. Of the 7,606 contracts traded, 1,647 were in BP options: 1,496 of those were called options.

Commercial Union, which also produced profits news yesterday, saw 1,026 contracts change hands, and 1,081 BT options were dealt in. High volumes were also noted in the share index and Jaguar contracts.

Prices generally were quiet, showing gains and losses of just a few pence, but the CU April 160p call cotract rose 11p and there was also strong movement in prices of De Beers options.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **SILVERMINES:** The annual meeting was told that the group's wholly-owned subidiary, Shallee Holdings, has exercised its option to dispose of 20 per cent on Anglian Windows to British Electric Traction for £6.7 million.

● **FIFE INDMAR** Results for 1984. Total dividend 7p (6.6p). Figures in £000. Group turnover 13,236 (12,762). Trading profit 912 (779). Interest 161 (74). Pretax profit 751 (703). Tax 199 (210). Extraordinary debit nil (136). Earnings per share 19.29p (17.49p).

● **LONDON SCOTTISH FINANCIAL CORPORATION** has through venture Capital fund, injected £30,000 of new capital into an educational supplies company, CES Holdings.

TAX RELIEF 1984/85

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TEMPUS

A taste of Cadbury for Europe

Cadbury Schweppes is not letting up in its efforts to become a truly international company. Sixty per cent of trading profits are generated outside Britain and the company is broadening its international capital base with an $80 million (£75.5 million) convertible bond issue.

The exact terms of the bond issue will be determined next week, but the coupon should be fixed at about 8 per cent for a 15-year term. The issue will require about 40 million shares to be set aside for bondholders. The target markets will be Switzerland and Germany.

Inspired by the success of its issue of 60 million shares in the US by way of American depositary receipts last year, Cadbury is confident that the convertible bond will broaden its European shareholder base. The strategy of backing up product marketing by generating interest in the company's capital clearly has its attractions.

However, the new bond also reflects the attention which Cadbury has been paying to its debt portfolio, which has been hit by exchange rates in recent months. There has been some currency switching and the ADR issue allowed the company to reduce dollar debts by $100 million. The bond increases the fixed debt proportion of the loan portfolio and conversion will be from dollar debt into sterling equity.

The money raised will not only reduce short-term debt but will also allow Cadbury to move forward smoothly on its international investment programme. North America has been singled out for specific attention and about one third of operating assets are now located there. More than half the group's operating assets are now overseas.

A function of this internationalization is that the group is more exposed to the vagaries of currency fluctuations. Yesterday's prelimiary results showed thet that pretax profits had resen from £106.9 million to £124 million, yet one third of that increase came from currency translation. Cadbury uses year-end translation rates and if there is a reversal, particularly in the dollar, then the figures will suffer.

The results were in line with expectations. Cadbury saw icreases in confectionery volumes and market share in Britain, helped by its new Wispa bar.

The company should make £145 million in this year. Thhe great unknown will be the interest charge, which increased from £36 million to £48.7 million last year. Net borrowings were down in the year and gearing is 43.6 per cent down from 61 per cent.

Commercial Union

The stock market's reaction to Commercial Union's announcement of a pretax loss of £72.8 million and an unchanged dividend was to mark the company's shares up 10p almost immediately. Clearly, investors took seriously the optimistic front put up by the CU board which said that insurance markets were improving and that all would be on the right track, if not necessarily in profit, by the end of this year.

But such optimism hinges on the success of the company in restructuring its disastrous US operation. The company has already taken steps to slim down its range of business drastically reducing the number of agents feeding it business and cutting staff in the US.

But the company's commitment to reduce its exposure to commercial underwriting and increase it in the personal sector could hold problems. The premium rate improvements in the US are best in the commercial sector while personal lines continue to be highly competitive.

The administrative reorganization will cut costs but, by the company's own admission, will have little effect on the expense ratio. This is because CU's investment income is likely to fall this year as premium income is reduced by 25 per cent.

Another problem could come in the run off of the discounted business. CU has added an extra $60 million (£52 million) to reserves to cope this but more may be needed.

Yet from such a low base an improvement of some sort is inevitable, particularly since CU is unlikely to suffer this year from the same currency movements which contributed £24.7 million to last year's loss. At 11.80p the dividend is safely covered and shareholders' funds rose by £25 million to £1,073 million leaving a solvency margin of a safe 50 per cent.

BSR

BSR has increased its 1984 dividend by 20 per cent, but arguably this is a defensive move, designed to prop up the share price. The operating ratios, the divisional breakdown and the strategy are all, according to some of the market's gloomier souls, under heavy pressure. A chronic underperformance by the share price does not help.

BSR's figures yesterday certainly gave the Cassandras a field day. Closure of its plant at Stourbridge West Midlands, comes after audio losses of £5 million in the last two years, and will absorb a chunk of the £8 million extraordinary provisions for 1984. The housewares side has seen an upturn of £2 million, while profits on the industrial side last year doubled. But these two divisions taken together are generating nearly £70 million of sales but only just over £3 million in profit.

Not surprisingly, BSR would like to rearrange its relationship with these subsidiaries. The money-spinning electronics side is also having its share of problems, notably a changing sales mix, which has led to higher volumes and working capital requirements, but lower margins.

The net result of last year's trading is that debt is still about 70 per cent of equity, and in absolute terms, is unchanged at about £74 million. The group could plainly benefit from an injection of £15 million to £20 million, of fresh capital.

Nevertheless, BSR's relationships with its bankers is improving fast, and its chief executive, Mr Bill Wyllie, who has done the corporate equivalent of walking on water with BSR, is hoping to see pretax profits this year of about £30 million.

At 150p, a p/e of 10 is taking no chances. But it ignores perhaps, the fact that this year's capital spending programme will be sharply lower, like the R&D charge, so that 1985 may see some balance sheet improvement.

Cadbury Schweppes

Preliminary Results: 52 weeks ended 29th December 1984

	1984 £m	1983 £m	% change
Sales	**2,016.2**	1,702.8	**+18**
Trading profit	**154.4**	125.6	**+23**
Profit before tax	**124.0**	106.9	**+16**
Earnings per share	**15.7p**	13.6p	**+15**
Dividends per share	**5.9p**	5.4p	**+9**

- Sales of both confectionery and drinks were up by volume 6% worldwide.
- International divisions contributed 60% of trading profits.
- Confectionery and drinks divisions increased margins and market share.
- Investment in innovation will continue and its importance is emphasised by the success of Wispa.
- Management structure directly geared to achieving results by backing Cadbury Schweppes international brands.
- Return on assets up from 17.5% to 18.5% per annum.
- Strengthened balance sheet and reduced borrowings.
- 1985 will see benefits of further investment in marketing and manufacturing in terms of brand strength and continuing cash inflow.

Adrian Cadbury
Chairman

SALES AND TRADING PROFIT BY GEOGRAPHICAL REGION

	Sales 1984 £m	Sales 1983 £m	Trading Profit 1984 £m	Trading Profit 1983 £m
United Kingdom	920.8	823.9	62.3	57.3
Europe	232.1	196.2	16.5	10.6
North America	486.0	374.8	36.9	26.9
Australia	260.2	188.7	25.0	17.5
Africa, Asia & New Zealand	117.1	119.2	13.7	13.3
	£2,016.2	£1,702.8	£154.4	£125.6

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The abridged accounts set out above are extracted from the full group latest accounts as approved by the Board on 7th March 1985 which have not yet been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The auditors have indicated their intention to render an unqualified opinion thereon.

BARCLAYS 1984

Strong capital resources to support the future.

The Chairman, Sir Timothy Bevan, said today: I am pleased to report pre-tax profits of £655m, which are 18% higher than last year and a record for the Barclays Group.

This encouraging result reflects a strong performance from operations in the U.K., despite a continued high level of provisions for bad and doubtful debts. Internationally, there was a welcome recovery in the United States, but South Africa had a difficult year. We have again felt it necessary to make substantial provisions, both specific and general.

The Finance Act 1984 has caused a substantially higher tax charge and so profit attributable to stockholders has hardly changed, even though pre-tax profit increased by almost £100m.

On 1st January, 1985 the merger of our U.K. and International Banks was completed. At the end of that month we sold our 34% interest in the Bank of Scotland for £155m.

Group capital resources now exceed their end-1983 levels even after making special provisions for deferred tax of £343m. This is the result of profit retentions and the raising of U.S.$950m in undated capital notes and loan capital.

We believe that a further strengthening of the Group's capital base now will enable full advantage to be taken of the opportunities which are arising as significant changes take place in financial markets throughout the world. Over the next few years we intend to support the expansion of successful operations in the U.K. and abroad and are planning important moves into the securities industry. Advances in technology will also require investment as the Group redesigns and improves its services in the personal and corporate markets.

Accordingly, we are proposing to raise approximately £507m by way of a rights issue on the basis of one new Ordinary share at the price of £1.50 per share for each Ordinary stock unit held, a substantial discount to the current market price. By following the deep discount route, not only will underwriting expense be saved, but the lowering of the price at which the Ordinary stock is traded on The Stock Exchange should encourage wider ownership.

Current trading is satisfactory and further growth is expected in the business in the United Kingdom and overseas during 1985. Although it is too early in the year to make a profit forecast, we view the future with confidence.

Timothy Bevan

Sir Timothy Bevan, Chairman of Barclays PLC — 7th March 1985

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1984

(Historic cost basis)

The Directors of Barclays PLC (formerly Barclays Bank PLC) report the following Group results for the year ended 31st December 1984:

	1984 £m	1983 £m
Operating profit	737	582
Share of profit of associated companies	87	77
Total Group profit	824	659
Interest on loan capital and undated capital notes	169	102
Profit before taxation and extraordinary items	655	557
Taxation	342	220
Profit after taxation	313	337
Profit attributable to minority interests in subsidiary companies	22	48
	291	289
Extraordinary items:		
Special provisions for deferred taxation	(543)	
Transfer from reserves	543	
	—	
Surplus on reduction of holdings in Group companies	7	
	7	—
Profit attributable to members of Barclays PLC	298	289
Dividends:		
Interim	43	39
Second interim (1985: final)	46	43
	89	82
Profit retained	209	207
Earnings per £1 Ordinary stock (before extraordinary items)	85.1p	84.8p
Dividends per £1 Ordinary stock	26.0p	24.0p

The information given in this preliminary announcement does not comprise full accounts within the meaning of Section 11 Companies Act 1981. Full accounts containing an unqualified report given by the auditors will be published on 1st April 1985, and copies will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies in accordance with Section 1 Companies Act 1976.

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INDUSTRY TODAY

The mountaineer who scaled the Shell empire heights

Peter Holmes, new chairman of Shell Transport, British arm of the world's second biggest oil company, is as little known to the public as his predecessors were. Jonathan Davis found him far from colourless, still an active mountaineer, convinced that number two will try harder and that Shell is in good shape and ready to pounce.

For a glamour industry, the oil business has not always produced the most exciting or charismatic leaders. With some notable exceptions, the top jobs in the Seven Sisters in recent years have too often seemed to be reserved for stolid engineers or colourless backroom power brokers.

Mr Peter Holmes, however, the latest Briton to climb to the top of the Anglo-Dutch Shell empire, appears to mark a refreshing break from the conventional mould of modern oil baron.

Mr Holmes, it was announced last week, is to take over in July from Sir Peter Baxendell as chairman of Shell Transport and Trading, the British arm of the Royal Dutch Shell group. At 52, he will also become vice chairman of the parent company's committee of managing directors, Shell's top tier of management, sometimes dubbed its "politburo".

In due course, barring accidents, he will follow his Dutch colleague Mr Lo van Wachem, Sir Peter's immediate successor, as chairman of the eight-man committee.

Like most of his contemporaries in the oil industry, Mr Holmes has spent most of his working life abroad, much of it in the Middle East. Of his 29 years with Shell, all but 10 have been spent away from Britain.

His ascent to the top in Shell has therefore been achieved with the kind of public anonymity which is rarely, if ever, possible for the heads of the biggest all-British companies such as BP and ICI.

Mr Holmes acknowledges that Shell has always taken a lower profile than other oil companies, but, unlike some of his predecessors, he shows no signs of being wary of the press and outside world. A lifelong outdoor activist, he appears equally happy talking about the joys of mountaineering.

When he was in Libya as Shell's general manager in the early 1970s, at the height of Colonel Gadaffi's confrontation with the multinational oil companies, Mr Holmes would go off in his spare time to take underwater photographs of algae. "Libyan people thought I was nuts at the time", he said, "but I found it a tremendous way to unwind".

His office on the 22nd floor of Shell Centre, overlooking the Thames is ringed not with standard corporate issue pictures, but with his own photographs of the Himalayas, taken on one of his several climbing expeditions there. He still goes climbing every year.

"Shell have this system", he observes drily, "they take you on as a mountaineer and send you to the desert".

An historian rather than a technical man by training, he started as a marketeer before being "brainwashed" into exploration and production at the end of the 1960s, just before his move to Libya.

From his various overseas assignments, he has been well placed to observe the emergence of Opec as a world force in the oil market, as well as the multinationals' loss of control.

Opec is still paying the price or having pushed prices too high, especially in the second 1979/80 crisis, and most of its members recognize that now, Mr Holmes says. The present downward trend in prices may not yet be over, however.



Peter Holmes: "Brainwashed" into exploration

"I don't think we are out of it, though I do think that it has been managed quite well by Opec, if you consider that they are 13 disparate countries, and two are at war with each other. They are under tremendous pressure, but they are managing it as best they can".

"As long as Opec manages to keep its own members under control the situation will probably remain more or less as it is for a few years – in other words potential oversupply, the price tending to weaken but not at all necessarily collapsing.

With the bulk of the world's oil reserves still concentrated in a few Opec and Middle East countries, Shell is having to pursue what Mr Holmes calls "a delicate balancing act" between the short-term need to buy crude oil at the cheapest possible price and the longer-term imperative of keeping good contacts with countries which are going to remain important potential sources of supply in the future.

So far the balancing act appears to be working, according to Mr Holmes. "I guess that we have the lowest acquisition costs in the industry, and I would also guess that we have the widest spread of acquisitions".

Shell has had a head start on its competitors because it has traditionally been crude-short as a group, producing or lifting less than its sales needs. "Scrambling is nothing new to us", Mr Holmes says.

"I am quite convinced that our downstream, though it is not doing very well at the moment, is doing better than anybody else's", he said.

Overall the Shell group is "in a pretty damn good position", according to Mr Holmes. Upstream, it has been finding more oil and gas each year than it has produced, in contrast to most big oil companies.

"We have done as well as anyone, both in terms of volume of reserves and in finding costs". Shell is financially strong, and well placed to pick up the best of the oil assets that are increasingly coming up for sale in the United States.

"There are a lot of weak or weaker players who will want out, both in the upstream, in the midstream and in the downstream", says Mr Holmes.

"Leading companies devouring each other in the States is probably a temporary phenomenon, but I think companies selling off parts of themselves will go on throughout the 80s and 90s." Shell, he makes clear, will be waiting to pounce."

Commercial Union

12 MONTHS REVIEW to 31 December 1984

An unaudited operating loss before taxation of £72.8m was incurred for the year to 31 December. Outside the United States a profit of £74.1m was achieved and the Directors are recommending that the final dividend be maintained.

In any comparison of the operating loss before taxation with 1983, the net adverse effect of movements in rates of exchange, amounting to £24.7m, should be taken into account.

The operating loss was effectively attributable to the United States where trading conditions for all insurance companies were especially difficult. However, there should be a marked improvement in the results of our current business in 1985 as we benefit from corrective action that we have taken in the United States and from the higher premium rates already being obtained there and in the United Kingdom.

Premium income was almost static in underlying terms. Reductions in the United States and Canada were offset by growth elsewhere. The Group expense ratio showed a further encouraging reduction of over 1 percentage point.

Investment income net of loan interest showed an underlying reduction of 6%, mainly due to the continuing effect of adverse trading on cash flow in the United States.

Life profits continued to grow satisfactorily and included in the final quarter an £8.5m release from the Northern Non-Participation Fund reflecting favourable investment performance over recent years. The underlying increase remained high at 16%.

In the United States experience remained very poor, particularly in commercial lines. The operating ratio for all lines was 126.8% (1983 123.9%). Strong corrective action was implemented to obtain substantial rate increases, cut expenses and reduce our portfolio by ceasing to write special risks, reinsurance and surplus lines business. We have thus fundamentally changed our operation to become a smaller, more cost effective company concentrating on personal and small commercial lines of insurance and life business. In the second half of the year we increased substantially our provision for late reported claims and, taking account of the action to reduce our portfolio, we charged an additional amount of approximately $60m (£52m) against our result to increase claims provisions further at the end of the year. Since the end of 1982 outstanding claims provisions have been increased by 31% whilst premium income has fallen by 14%. This strengthening of provisions will reduce the effect of the drain on results from discontinued business.

In the United Kingdom the marked decline in profitability was due to intense competition and generally adverse claims experience, including the effect of weather conditions early in the year. However, progress has already been made in achieving higher premium rates and further increases will be implemented in 1985.

The Netherlands operating profit showed a highly satisfactory underlying increase of 18%.

In Canada premium income was affected by excessive competition which, together with changes in the legal environment, produced a lower operating profit.

The Rest of the World insurance activities produced a satisfactory operating profit. Investment income continued to be affected by the transfer of funds to the United States at the end of 1983.

Final dividend. In view of the financial strength of the Company and the improved prospects in the United States and United Kingdom, the Directors recommend an unchanged final dividend of 6.950p per share payable on 17 May 1985. Together with the interim dividend of 4.850p this gives a total dividend of 11.800p (1983 11.800p) per share. These dividends, including preference dividends for 1984, amount to £48.7m.

	1984 £m	1983 £m
Premium income		
Life	495.6	400.8
Non-life	2,159.5	1,884.2
Total	2,655.1	2,285.0
Investment income net of loan interest	275.9	255.4
Underwriting result	(439.4)	(314.2)
Life profits	77.9	55.8
Associated companies' earnings	12.8	12.3
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	(72.8)	9.3
Taxation and minorities	(15.5)	(17.4)
Operating loss	(88.3)	(8.1)
Realised investment gains	53.4	30.1
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	(34.9)	22.0
Earnings per share		
Operating loss	(21.44p)	(1.99p)
Realised investment gains	12.95p	7.31p
Total	(8.49p)	5.32p
Shareholders' funds	£1,073m	£1,048m
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	£m	£m
United States	(146.9)	(114.8)
United Kingdom	12.4	41.8
Netherlands	42.9	33.8
Canada	8.4	21.9
Rest of the World	10.4	26.6
	(72.8)	9.3
Rates of exchange		
United States	$1.16	$1.45
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Canada	$1.54	$1.80

This announcement does not constitute full accounts for the year. Copies of the full accounts, which have not yet been reported upon by the Auditors, will be circulated to shareholders on 21 March 1985 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after approval at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 15 April 1985.

Commercial Union Assurance Company plc

John Lewis Partnership plc

department stores and Waitrose supermarkets

Consolidated Results* for the year ended 26 January 1985

	1984/85 £m	1983/84 £m
Sales	1,206.2	1,072.1
Trading Profit	78.3	70.8
Interest	3.9	4.2
Pensions Fund Contributions	8.8	7.7
Taxation	13.7	8.5
Preference Dividends	0.3	0.4
Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions	51.6	50.0
Partnership Bonus	25.7	25.4
Retentions	25.9	24.6

*Abridged, estimated and unaudited.

Sales increased by 13% to £1,206 million. Department store sales rose by 12% to £638 million and sales in Waitrose supermarkets by 14% to £554 million.

Trading Profit increased by 11% to a record figure of £78 million.

Taxation. Higher taxable profits, the abolition of stock relief and the reduction in capital allowances, partly offset by the fall in the rate of Corporation Tax, led to a rise of £5.2 million.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Fewer will escape red tape

By Derek Harris

Proposed changes to lift the burden of red tape from small businesses look likely to apply only to smaller companies with up to 50 employees. These are the sort of companies least able to cope with the demands of governmental form-filling and for which compliance with the multifarious regulations governing companies can even drive them out of business.

Until now it had been expected that companies with up to 200 employees would benefit from any changes.

A series of deregulation proposals to give more freedom to small businesses has been drawn up by a Rayner-style scrutiny committee, which has been looking at the administrative burdens imposed by a wide range of government departments. Represented on the committee, chaired by a senior official from the Department of Trade and Industry, have been the Customs and Excise, the Inland Revenue, the Home Office and the departments of health and social security, employment, environment and education.

The committee was set up after David Trippier, the minister for small business at the DTI, put an analysis of small companies' problems on administrative and other burdens to the Prime Minister and others in the Cabinet.

With so many government departments involved, discussions are continuing in Whitehall on first drafts of the committee's report. A final version, which will be published, has been promised before the summer and could be only a matter of weeks away.

It is unlikely that small businesses will be exempted from meeting health and safety regulations which cover a variety of machine and other safeguards. Crucial fire-regulation safety measures such as provision of fire doors are also likely to remain.

A reduction and simplification of planning regulations is likely. Ways are also being studied of reducing the burden of employment legislation, particularly that governing unfair dismissal claims. Rules on maternity leave have been under scrutiny.

The possibility of modifying statutory demands on preparation and filing of company accounts is also under consideration.

There has been increasing emphasis by the Prime Minister in public statements in recent weeks of the role small businesses should play in creating jobs. It means there is creasing political urgency in setting out a freedom charter for small businesses based on the scrutiny report. What seems probable is that individual departments will put through Bills making changes in their own areas. But it looks likely that an overall responsibility to push through changes will go to Lord Young, who is head of the Cabinet Office enterprise unit.

Radical raising of the VAT registration threshold still seems, as an issue, to be firmly under Treasury control because it is a Budget matter.

Making it – by faking it

By Geoffrey Ellis

As animal conservation wins greater sympathy, an east London clothing manufacturer is benefitting with increased sales of his speciality, imitation fur coats. William Angel has seen his company, Looksmart – started less than four years ago with a £35,000 Barclays Bank loan – increase turnover from an initial £1 million to £2 million-plus, with £4.5 million projected in 1985-86.

After a lifetime in the fashion business, Mr Angel decided to go it alone. He started operations from his kitchen table. Selling largely to mail-order companies and big chain stores, the company, now producing 150,000 to 200,000 coats and jackets a year, derives half its sales from fur-fabric garments, with almost three-quarters of this figure going to export.

Two years ago Mr Angel joined forces with Aubrey Gilchrist, another veteran of the trade, and now, with their new label, Charisma, providing high-fashion garments, the partnership expects to see more than half the output going to export markets. Established in a modern building in Hackney, the company has gained an offset of £14,000 from rent on the premises from Hackney council, and in return, sends all its work out to small firms in the borough.



Fur example: William Angel, left, and Aubrey Gilchrist: success in a conservation market

To increase cash flow, the company employs factoring, which enables it to raise 80 per cent on each invoice immediately it is sent.

The company has seen its profits double each year, and expects to treble them this year, but has now reached a point familiar to other companies – how to sustain and stimulate further growth, possibly by seeking funds for expansion through venture-capital investment.

'Marriage bureau' comes on line

BRIEFING

■ FINTEXT, a financial information service which should be particularly helpful to small companies, has been launched on British Telecom's Prestel service by AVS Intext, an information provider. It offers guidance on sources and uses of finance, tax planning, management advice, pension schemes and guides to computer hardware and software. London Enterprise Agency's "marriage bureau" business introduction service is being featured, acting as an electronic message board to bring together investors and companies seeking funding.

■ Small businesses in the North-East are linking hands with Durham University Business School (DUBS) to provide work for 24 jobless graduates, all under 25, with the chance that one of them could end up £1,000 richer (Ian A. Jack writes).

The 24, screened from 60, have been chosen to participate in this year's graduate and business-development award sponsored by Rothmans, the tobacco manufacturers from their Spennymoor plant in the North-East.

After a formal training programme at DUBS they are moving out to host companies with which they will work full-time for 16 weeks.

After that, they write reports on how they have contributed to their companies. A panel of judges will recommend six cash awards totalling £2,700. It is expected the first prize will be £1,000.

Dr Alex Sorrie, the programme director, says there has been a good response from both graduates and companies.

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FOOTBALL: DARK DAYS IN LONDON BUT PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT ON MERSEYSIDE

Bruce is heading back to Wembley

Steve Bruce returns to Wembley for the Milk Cup final against Sunderland on March 23. The central defender, whose 87th-minute header gave Norwich City a 2-1 aggregate win over Ipswich Town in the semi-final on Wednesday night, was a 15-year-old ball boy at the 1976 League Cup final between Manchester City and Newcastle.

To his disappointment he saw Asa Hartford, now a collegue at Carrow Road, help City to a 2-1 win. "All I can remember about it is hurrying to get the ball back into play near the end because Newcastle were losing and receiving a mouthful of abuse from Manchester City's Willie Donachie because he wanted to waste time," Bruce who comes from Newcastle, said.

"I can hardly believe that I am going back there as a player nine years later. It is incredible how things have worked out for me at Norwich because by first touch for them on the opening day of the season was an own goal against Liverpool.

Bruce's thunderous header from Mark Barham's corner followed two previous efforts which hit the bar and had been scrambled off the line. "We had been practising the move to draw Terry Butcher out of the way" Bruce said. "After I had missed a couple the boss had a go at me. But I told him I would score the winner from it two minutes from time. I knew it was going to be a goal as soon as it left Mark's foot. Nobody was going to stop me getting there first."

He was helped by the 21st-minute departure of the man assigned to mark him. Mich D'Avray had to be detained overnight in hospital with concussion.

Tow Norwich veteraans had special cause to thank Bruce. Mick Channon and Hartford return to Wembley a dozen years after their last finals there.

Lee Sinnott was blamed by Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, for attempting to play an offside trap in the centre of his penalty area which helped *Luton* recover from 2-0 down to earn another repaly of the FA Cup fifth-round tie.

Tony Coffee scored three goals in a 5-1 win over *Wimbledon* that gives *West Ham* an FA Cup sixth round visit to Manchester United on Wednesday night.

Flaws which leave Spurs chasing Spanish shadows

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Darkness has fallen this week in the capital of the country that introduced the once beautiful game to the world. Incidents off the pitch at Stamford Bridge on Monday night deepened England's foul reputation and events on the pitch at White Hart Lane on Wednesday night exposed the weaknesses of the first division.

Real Madrid are a shadow of their supreme predecessors. Apart from the gifted Butragueno, they are no more than competent. So unsettled and so unsure in their own homeland, their recent form suggested that they might not reach even those ordinary heights during the first leg of the UEFA Cup tie.

They did not have to. **Tottenham Hotspur**, beaten 1–0, did miss the drive and influence of the suspended Roberts, but, as well as Peter Shreeve's tactical error in selecting both Hazard and Hoddle, midfield clones, their deficiencies were spread across the length and breadth of their own ground.

The most glaring flaw lay at the centre of Tottenham's defence. Miller, as graceful and as quick as a continental juggernaut, is adequate enough when dealing with tall, burly and largely predictable centre forwards during the course of his domestic duties. But Butragueno is small, lithe and tricky. He presented Miller with insurmountable problems.

Similarly, the first touch of Falco and Crooks is more or less sufficient in the relative freedom of the first division. Closely guarded by Sanchis and Salguero, not yet full Spanish internationals, their control had to be instant for Tottenham's ideas to flow. It was not, and they never did.

Since the art of taking on a defender, shown fleetingly only by Hazard, is dying in the current English climate, the one remaining weapon in Tottenham's usually extensive armoury was the long cross sent with the hope that they might batter the opposition into submission. Under Stielike's organization, Real did not look like succumbing.

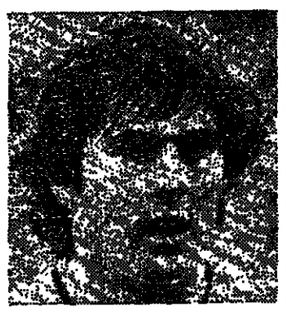
Although Tottenham can claim to be the second most accomplished side in the land, they failed to match an outfit that is falling away from the Spanish peak towards financial difficulties.

Everton and **Liverpool**, first and fourth in the first division, should take the best and most reliable of England's talent into the last four of the Cup Winners' Cup and the European Cup respectively. It is no coincidence that Howard Kendall's team, 3-0 winner over **Fortuna Sittard**, have been compared to their Merseyside neighbours.

They approach the game in the same simple and effective way, looking for the feet rather than the heads of their colleagues, assist each other continually in running off the ball and are not afraid to keep possession. Livepool, who drew 1-1 in Vienna, are still masterful in their groundwork.

Juventus, holding a three-goal advantage over **Sparta Prague**, remain a genuine threat to Liverpool's ambitions of retaining the trophy. Everton, if they complete their task in the Netherlands, will step into a formidable quartet, likely to include the cup holders of West Germany, **Bayern Munich**, East Germany, **Dynamo Dresden**, and the Soviet Union, **Moscow Dynamo**.

Manchester United should be going to **Videoton**, a powerful side in their own home, with much more than the lone cushion supplied by Stapleton. But attack, probably reinforced then by the return of Bryan Robson, has always been their best defence.





Miller (left) and Crooks: found wanting

York ordered to play after all

The Football League last night stepped in to settle a row between Millwall, FA Cup quarter finalists, and York City. They have ordered York to play a third division match at the Den tomorrow.

The game was postponed because Millwall were expecting to be involved in cup action, but they still do not know their last eight opponents because Watford and Luton have yet to settle a fifth round tie.

The London club asked York to play the league fixture after all. The request was turned down, so Millwall appealed to the league.

ICE SKATING



A star in the making: Debi Thomas, of the United States, during her short programme yesterday. She finished fifth.

Fadayev inherits the Hamilton mantle

Tokyo (Reuter) – Alexander Fadeyev of the Soviet Union succeeded the United States' four-times champion Scott Hamilton, as the world men's figure skating title holder by outskating Brian Orser of Canada, in the free skating final here yesterday.

The little Russian produced two outstanding combination jumps at the start of his programme and went on to give a varied and highly competent display that none of his main rivals, skating after him, could match. Fadeyev was awarded six high technical marks of 5.9 as he moved up from the bronze medal position he took in the world championships last year.

Orser and the American, Brian Boitani, each advanced one place to take the silver and bronze medals. The European champion, Jozef Sabovcik of Czechoslovakia, had a bad day and dropped to fourth.

Fadeyev said: "It was only when I arrived in Tokyo that I felt the confidence and the strength to do so well." He suffered a thigh injury last December that kept him away from the European championships this year.

Earlier the world, Olympic and European champion, Katarina Witt, of East Germany, won the women's short programme and though she remained in third place, she narrowed the gap between herself and the leading two.

Kira Ivanova, of the Soviet Union held the lead by finishing third in the short programme, while the American, Tiffany Chin, remained second. Whichever of these three wins tomorrow's free skating final will take the title.

Miss Witt, a surprising third after the figures, was in regal form as she went smoothly through the seven required elements, avoiding the error which briefly cost her the lead when she won the European title last month. Three of the judges gave marks of 5.9 to the 19-year-old Olympic champion.

Skating before the champion, Miss Chin, aged only 17 but regarded as Miss Witt's match as a free skater, brought gasps from the crowd with her high and light triple to double toe combination jump.

MEN: Final singles positions: 1, A Fadeyev (USSR), 2.0 pts; 2, B Orser (Can), 5.2; 3, B Boitano (US), 7.6; 4, J Sabovcik (Cz), 8.4; 5, V Kotr (USSR), 9.6; 6, H Fischer (WG), 13.0; 7, G Filipowski (Pol), 13.6; 8, M Cockerell (US), 20.4; 9, V Petrenko (USSR), 21.4; 10, N Paterson (Can), 24.3.

WOMEN: Overall positions after short programme: 1, K Ivanova (USSR), 1.8 pts; 2, T Chin (US), 2.0; 3, K Witt (East Ger), 2.2; 4, A Nomotsashova (USSR), 4.0; 5, D Thomas (US), 6.2; 6, C Leistner (WG), 7.4; 7, N Lebedeva (USSR), 7.6; 8, E Manley (Can), 10.0; 9, A Gosselin (Fr), 10.6; 10, S Cambon (Sw), 11.2. British position: 12, J Jackson, 13.2.

CRICKET

India and Pakistan in an unfamiliar setting for holy war

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Melbourne

By upsetting the local apple cart and reaching the final of the Benson and Hedges "World Championship of Cricket," India and Pakistan have created, thousands of miles away, the sort of situation which no one unfamiliar with life on the great Indian sub-continent would comprehend. When the two countries meet on such an occasion as this, the tensions extend far beyond the boundaries of sport.

The Pakistans would say, I expect, that Wednesday's match against West Indies imposed an entirely different kind of pressure than Sunday's final will. It is not that the Indian and Pakistani players are personally at odds, simply that an awful lot of people they represent will see this not just as a cricket match but as much as holy war. There can be no playing for a draw, either, as there usually is when the two sides meet in a Test match.

When India and Pakistan played each other in one of the group matches a fortnight ago, it had occurred to no one that they might meet for the second time in the final. India won then, as they should again if they can reproduce the sort of cricket that has brought them four successive victories. They have beaten Australia by eight wickets, England by 86 runs, New Zealand by seven wickets and Pakistan by six wickets, bowling Australia out for 163, England for 149, New Zealand for 206 and Pakistan for 183.

Shastri, Vengsarkar, Azharuddin and Kapil Dev have all, at different times, batted very well. Shastri has been the outstanding all-rounder of the tournament and Siva's bowling one of its greatest delights. Gavaskar's captaincy has been hard to fault, which is not always the case. His decision to send Shastri in first with Srikkanth and to bat at No 5 or 6 himself has also been a success.

Gavaskar never ceases to stress how much less oppressive India find it to play away than at home, where more is expected of them and fewer allowances are made when they fail. India have lost all but one of their last 14 one-day internationals in India, yet won 13 of their last 17 away.

But a side that can beat West Indies as comprehensively as Pakistan did here on Wednesday must also be fancying their chance. By batting as they did then, Rameez Raja and Qasim Omar ease the burden for the more senior players. It took courage to drop Zaheer after the second match. He is one of the great legends of Pakistan's cricket history. But they have been rewarded for doing so. There is a good, lively look about them at the moment. Each member of the winning side will be more than £2,000 better off — not much to some sportsmen, even some cricketers, but a real windfall to most of this Sunday's players.

If the Victorian Cricket Association could not have England and Australia in the final, West Indies and New Zealand would be adequate substitutes. That is how, as promoters, they probably saw it. India and Pakistan would fill to the rafters Lahore, Calcutta, Headingley and the Oval, but not. I am afraid, the Melbourne Cricket Ground. However, with sponsorship of £2 million the tournament is well underwritten.

Since the opening match, when 82,494 people watched England play Australia, the average attendance has not been the anticipated 35,000 but a meagre 11,000. But that is more a rebuff than a financial disaster. If not ill-conceived, the tournament is undoubtedly ill-timed.

If, as a result, prospective holders of such events are discouraged, it will not matter; there is already far too much one-day cricket. As a pilot scheme or a guide to the feasibility of Australia staging the 1991 World Cup, it has also had little significance. Such an event as that would be more carefully absorbed into the domestic programme.

Drugs on TCCB agenda

By Richard Streeton

Ian Botham's conviction for a drugs offence last month, together with the growing problems of drink, bad language and hooliganism at cricket matches, were all referred to the Test and County Cricket Board's executive committee at the Board's spring meeting at Lord's last neight.

The eight-man executive were asked to look at all the matters in depth, to study the implications and to make appropriate recommendations.

Peter Lush, the TCCB spokesman, said Botham's name was not specifically mentioned but he agreed that the Botham court case would be discussed by the executive when they meet next Thursday. He said the Board were keenly aware of their responsibilities for cricket's good name and to maintain standards, particularly for younger people.

The Board's talks about cricket's overall behaviour problems followed a decision to support the Sports Council's campaign against drug taking, though it remained uncertain whether this was yet a problem in cricket. Random dope tests might be introduced if it was felt necessary.

During this summer's Cornhill Test matches with Australia, it is likely that at least 90 overs a day will have to be bowled. England had wanted to stipulate 96 overs a day but the Australians had been unable to agree. The 1984 Test selectors were re-elected with Peter May (chairman), Alec Bedser, Alan Smith and Phil Sharpe holding their places.

England will know by the end of May whether they will be touring West Indies next winter. The Caribbean authorities having agreed to submit a suggested itinerary by then. Next February and March England B team will also visit Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe and possibly Bengladesh and India.

For the first time the three limited overs competitions in English cricket will have a fining system for teams who bowl their overs too slowly. An over rate of approximately 16 an hour will have to be maintained in the Benson and Hedges Cup and the NatWest Trophy, with fines of £100 in the early stages and £200 later on for each over not fulfilled.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Austria Vienna 1, Liverpool 1; Bordeaux 1, Dnepropetrovsk 1; Goteborg 0, Panathinaikos 1. Juventus 3, Sparta Prague 0

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Bayern Munich 2, Roma 0, Dynamo Dresden 3, Rapid Vienna 0; Everton 3, Fortuna Sittard 0. Lanssa 0, Dynamo Moscow 0.

UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Internazionale 1, Cologne 0; Manchester United 1, Videoton 0; Tottenham Hotspur 0, Real Madrid 1. Zeljeznicar 2, Dynamo Minsk 0.

FA CUP: Fifth round replays: Watford 2, Luton Town 2 (aet, score after 90 mins 2–2; replay tomorrow; winners at home to Millwall), West Ham United 5, Wimbledon 1

MILK CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Norwich City 2, Ipswich Town 0 (Norwich win 2–1 on aggregate and play Sunderland in final).

SECOND DIVISION: Brighton 3, Blackburn Rovers 1.

THIRD DIVISION: Bradford City 3, Preston North End 0; Derby County 2, Walsall 0; Lincoln City 0, Millwall 1.

FOURTH DIVISION: Chester 0, Crewe 0; Hereford United 5, Bury 3, Mansfield 1, Aldershot 2.

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Ayr United 1, St Johnstone 0

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Alloa Athletic 1, Stranraer 2; East Stirlingshire 0, Queen of the South 0; Raith Rovers 1, Stenhousemuir 2. Stirling Albion 1, Cowdenbeath 1.

GOLA LEAGUE: Maidstone 4, Worcester 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle 1, Coventry 3, Stoke 1, West Bromwich Albion 5. Second division: Doncaster 1, Oldham 1; Grimsby 2, Port Vale 0; Scunthorpe 1, Hull 2; Wigan 1, Blackpool 1; York 1, Burnley 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton 0, Birmingham 1, Millwall 5, Crystal Palace 0. Oxford United 2, Chelsea 5.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley 2, Chelmsford 3; Gravesend 1, RS Southampton 0. Midland division: Sutton Coldfield 0, Coventry Sporting 1. Bill Deakin Cup: Semi-final, first leg: VS Rugby 1, Chelmsford 2

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Second division south: Feltham 3, Eastbourne United 0.

MORRITT HOMES CAPITAL LEAGUE: Dagenham 2, Orient 2.

KENT SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Welling 1, Fisher 0.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Three Bridges 2, Steyning 3; Wick 0, Portfield 1

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bristol 30, Llanelli 6; Ebbw Vale 22, Newport 7; Rugby 3, RAF 26; Swansea 34, Bridgend 13.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: East Midlands 32, Barbarians 30; Oxford University 19, Oxfordshire 8.

TOUR MATCH: Cambridge University 48, Kelvo University 8.

UAU FINAL: Durham 15, Loughborough 17.

HOSPITALS' CUP: Final: St Mary's 16, Charing Cross-Westminster 11.

Verity on Wright lines

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Kevin Verity, the manager of the England semi-professional team, has signalled his intention to pursue policies similar to those of Kevin Wright, his highly successful predecessor. Verity's 16-strong squad for the international against Wales at Telford on March 26 contains few surprises, nine of the players having been in the 13-man party selected by Wright last year for the annual four nations tournament.

Like Wright, Verity has placed his faith in players who have spent most of their careers in non-League football rather than former professionals nearing the end of their playing days. A total of 12 of the party play in the Gola League and Telford United, with three representatives, have the most players in the squad. There are two players from Altrincham, Enfield and Nuneaton Borough.

ENGLAND SQUAD: K Charlton (Telford), A Page (Harrow), D Constantine (Altrincham), P Robinson (Blyth Spartans), K Barrett (Enfield), N Newson (Maidstone), J Davison (Altrincham), T Morley (Nuneaton), A Joseph (Telford), J Watson (Dagenham), M Gill (Stafford), T Smithers (Nuneaton), C Williams (Telford), N Ashford (Enfield), A Cordice (Wealdstone), S Mell (Burton).

● Two of tomorrow's Gola League matches have been postponed and declared void on the pools coupons. Despite a protest from the Gola League, the Cheshire county FA have ordered Altrincham and Runcorn to play Cheshire Senior Cup ties instead of their scheduled games at home to Wealdstone and Maidstone United respectively.

● Rushton Town, who were planning to join the United Counties League next season, have had a change of heart and have withdrawn their resignation from the Southern League.

● Buxton (Northern Premier League), who were disqualified from the FA Trophy in December for fielding an ineligible player, have been dismissed from the Derbyshire Senior Cup for the same reason.

TENNIS

Davis Cup postponement sparks Chilean appeal

London, (Reuter) – Chile and the holders, Sweden, must play their Davis Cup first round tie before July 28, five days before the second round, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) ruled yesterday. The first round match, scheduled for Santiago this weekend, has been postponed following the Swedish team's refusal to remain in a city where an earthquake took place last Sunday.

Chile will appeal against the decision, the Chilean Tennis Federation president, Alejandro Peric said yesterday. Peric said the tie could have been played without any problems. He added that as the Swedish team decided unilaterally to leave Santiago on Tuesday, the match should be awarded to Chile.

Chilean officials have repeatedly said their players were frightened the last time the two countries met in the Cup, in 1975 in Sweden, where there were demonstrations by Chileans exiled following the 1973 military coup.

● **SINDELFINGEN**, West Germany, March 7 (Reuter) – Boris Becker, the West German, aged 17, who won the Young Masters tournament in Birmingham in January becomes the youngest player to represent his country in a Davis Cup tie when he plays against Spain in the first round here today.

● Paul Hutchins, Britain's team manager, has chosen Chris Peet, aged 17, from Bury, to join Jason Goodall and Richard Whichello in the Lawn Tennis Association team sponsored by Laing, the construction company (Rex Bellamy writes).

The remaining vacancy in the team of four, who will work together for most of the year, will be filled after the series of LTA satellite tournaments to be played at Hampstead, Queen's Club, Sutton, Bournemouth and Lee-on-Solent from April 16 to May 18.

REAL TENNIS

Victory for Cambridge

First string Andrew Page sealed victory for Cambridge 4-2 in the Universities match, by defeating Alex Betts, 6-3, 6-3 at Lord's yesterday. Cambridge had won both doubles on Wednesday (William Stephens writes).

Page was consistent in attacks on the winning openings but receiving service, he at times stood too erect and lost control. He employed subtle variations of cut which Betts frequently misread. To win the first set Page had to beat chase two; after three lobbed attempts he imparted sadespin on the ball which Betts allowed to pass him.

Patrick Maxwell had revived Oxford, beating William Fairbarns RESULTS: (Cambridge names first): A Page (Lancing and Jesus) bt A Betts (Stonyhurst and Queen's) 6-3, 6-3; P Thichener (Malvern and Christ's) lost to M Swallow (Marlborough and University) 3-6, 3-6; D Pease-Watkin (Rugby and Robinson) bt J Crocker (Winchester and Hertford) 6-2, 8-4; W Fairbarns (Wellington and Magdalene) lost to P Maxwell (Winchester and St Catherine's) 3-6, 6-2, 3-6.

SPORTS TAX

CCPR put budget case

The Central Council of Physical Recreation has urged Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to introduce tax changes to help modernize British sport. They want:

● A reduction in the excise duty on fotball pools betting, with the money saved used to improve facilities of League clubs.

● The removal of VAT on entry fees to sports clubs and the harmonization of sports tax in line with EEC policy.

● Mandatory rate relief for youth sports clubs so funds can be generated to improve coaching.

● The introduction of £1,000 tax deductable allowance for all separately constituted businesses that use this money for sports sponsorship.

● The removal of corporation tax from non-profit distributing bodies of sport. The CCPR estimate such a move would cost the Exchequer no more than £4 million a year.

BOXING

Pedroza's demands hold up McGuigan

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

After 26 hours of negotiations in Panama City, the demands of Eusebio Pedroza, to defend his WBA featherweight title against Barry McGuigan, of Ireland, could prove too much for B. J. Eastwood, McGuigan's manager.

It is not the huge sum the champion wants to come to England that is worrying Eastwood but two clauses that the Panamanians want inserted in the contract. They are firstly, that if McGuigan wins he must defend against Bernard Taylor, of the United States, in Tennessee. McGuigan's share of the purse can be only $150,000 (about £125,000). And secondly, that if McGuigan beats Taylor he must defend against Pedroza in Panama City.

Eastwood has offered an undisclosed sum to buy out those two clauses and the Panamanians are considering it. Eastwood said that had it not been for "outside interference", Pedroza would have come to Belfast.

He has moved to Miami to sign the winner of the bout between Rocky Lockridge, the junior-lightweight champion, and Wilfredo Gomez, in May. If Lockridge wins, McGuigan will have to wait until September as Dan Duva, the champion's manager, says that Lockridge will not be ready to take on the tough Irishman till then.



McGuigan: Forced to wait

Another champion who may be kept waiting is Lloyd Honeyghan, Britain's European welterweight titleholder, who had a good win over Roger Stafford, of Philadelphia, on Wednesday at the Albert Hall, stopping the former world contender in nine rounds.

Honeyghan was to defend his title against Gilles Elbilia, of France, in May, but the Frenchman has other plans that may earn him a world title bout.

Johannsen holds out little hope

Copenhagen (AFP) – Ingemar Johannsen, the former world heavyweight champion from Sweden, thinks it will be "a miracle" if his compatriot, Anders Eklund, wins his challenge for the European heavyweight title against Steffen Tangstad, of Norway, here tomorrow.

● The pairings for the University match at the Guildhall, Cambridge today are as follows:

Featherweight: D Asaga (Bethany School and Jesus) v M M Dieko (Orlando West H.S. and St John's). *Light:* I R Cramp (Loughborough Tech College and St John's) v C T Mach (Leeds G S and Pembroke). *Light-welter:* S J Wilson (King Edward VII Grammar School and Emmanuel) v S L Neaman (City of London, Dames College London and Rable). *Welter:* G S Gestetner (Winchester and Pembroke) v K J Morgan (Kings School, Worcester and Balliol). *Light-middle:* N B Coulcher (Eastbourne College and St Catherine's) v O Oguntokun (Leicester University and Linacre). *Middle:* P O Rimmer (Croxteth Comp and Corpus Christi) v P J McGuinness (Ampleforth College and Balliol). *C F Thomson* (Scotch College, Melbourne and Pembroke) v M Linehan (Loughborough GS and Christchurch). *Light-heavy:* P A C Byrne (St Joseph's College and Churchill) v R H Roberts (Stonyhurst College, Kent University and Christchurch). *Heavy:* R I Wainwright (Glenalmond and Magdalene) v A C Thomson (Stellenbosch University and Worcester).

SNOW REPORTS

The following reports have been supplied by a tourist board:

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of piste	°C
SWITZERLAND				
Adelboden	55	120	Pwdr	-2
Champery	30	100	Pwdr	-3
Leysin	30	80	Soft	-1
C Montana	50	160	Hard	1
Saas-Fee	80	200	Pwdr	0
St Moritz	60	100	Pwdr	0
Verbier	55	240	Pwdr	-5
Villars	70	100	Soft	-5
Wengen	40	140	Soft	0
FRANCE				
Chamonix	45	360		
Courchevel	108	144		
Flaine	100	310		
Isola 2000	150	200		
Les Arcs	105	265		
Meribel	55	145		
Val d'Isere	85	125		

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: Upper and middle runs: complete, wet snow on a firm base, lower slopes snow cover patchy, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs 1800ft, hill and middle runs complete; snow levels 2000ft. Glenshee: Upper runs almost complete, wet snow; lower slopes limited nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs 1000ft: hill and main roads clear; snow level 2000ft. Glencoe (open Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays only): insufficient snow for skiing. Lecht: Upper runs complete, but narrow, spring snow; middle runs complete, spring snow; lower slopes ample nursery areas, spring snow; vertical runs 700ft; hill and main roads clear. Snow level 2000ft.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Third division

Doncaster Rovers v Bristol Rovers

Fourth division

Colchester United v Chester

Scunthorpe United v Southend United

Tranmere Rovers v Hereford United

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Oldham v St Helens

SECOND DIVISION: Fulham v Bridgend (6.0).

OTHER SPORT

BILLIARDS: World championship (Nation Garden, London).

BOWLS: GS Insurance British Isles indoor championship (Swansea Leisure Centre).

HORSE TRIALS: Crookham.

TABLE TENNIS: English closed championships (Gretchley).

RUGBY UNION: Cross Keys v Aberillery (7.0).

GOLF

Gardner takes early lead at Bay Hill

From John Ballantine, Orlando

A stiff wind which dried out the already slick greens and brought the numerous lakes much more into play, subdued first round scores in the opening round of the Bay Hill Classic on Arnold Palmer's course here yesterday.

The early lead, Buddy Gardner, age 29, of Alabama, who has yet to win a tournament, returned 69 despite hitting a five-iron into the water at the last hole and dropping two strokes. "I found my ball in a deep divot hole after a perfect drive", was his excuse. He finished two ahead of Donnie Hammond, with Bernhard Langer, Howard Twitty and Vance Heafner all on 74.

These scores were certain to be overtaken by later starters who included Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and Tom Watson and, indeed, the last was two under par after only six holes.

Langer began well with a birdie from four feet at the 511 yard first but he lost two strokes at the 407 yard third in extraordinary fashion. After driving into the right hand rough, he hit a five iron which bounced off the bank of the lake into shallow water.

The German peeled off his socks and waded in with his pitching wedge to extricate the ball back on to the fairway from about three inches of water. He pitched to three feet but missed the putt. A fine seven iron to 14 feet earned him a birdie at the fourth but he later dropped three strokes in rough, trees, and sand to get out in 39.

A birdie at the long 12th was neutralised by a bogie at the 16th where he again drove into thick rough. At the 223 yard 17th, which on Sunday will carry a special prize of one million dollars for the first hole in one (half to go to the lucky player and half to local charities), Langer, from the easier forward tee, hit a five iron to 25 feet and holed out. Another drive into the rough and a wild approach shot into the stands, from where he got a free drop, cost him a stroke at the 18th.

EARLY LEADERS: 68: B Gardner. 71: D Hammond, M Lye. 72: B Kratzert, P Azinger, D Forsman. 73: L Roberts. 74: B Langer (W Germany), H Twitty, V Heafner, M O'Grady, B Faxon. 78: S Simpson, G Archer, M Nicolette, M Donald. 79: J Mudd.

Britons lead

Nairobi (AP) – Brian Waites and Andrew Stubbs, of Britain, were tied yesterday on 68, three-under-par, after the first round of the Kenya open tournament. Two other Britons, Malcolm Mackenzie and Craig Maltman, and the champion, Jose-Maria Canizares, of Spain, were one stroke behind.

McLean in form

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) – Mike McLean, of Britain and the Japanese veteran Hiroshi Yamada, shared the first round lead in the Malaysian Open here yesterday. The pair covered the Royal Selangor course in 66, five under par, to gain a one-stroke lead over Greg Turner, of New Zealand.

SCHOOLS RUGBY UNION

St Joseph's end in style

By Michael Stevenson

St Joseph's Academy Blackheath drew their final match against St Mary's, Sidcup 6-6 to finish with the fine record of 16 wins, two draws and one defeat, against **Chislehurst and Sidcup GS** in the final of the Askean Floodlit Trophy in November.

On Sunday St Joseph's comfortably won the RGS Colchester Sevens, scoring 20 tries and conceding only two. The Ley's, unbeaten throughout the season, may have been regarded as favourites but it was St Joseph's, Ipswich whom their namesakes defeated 26-0 in the final.

Another team to be celebrating are **Edinburgh Academy**, who on Saturday completed their programme with a 14-6 victory over **Merchiston Castle School** thus winning all 16 their fixtures. A dinner is to be held after the Calcutta Cup match, to which the surviving members of the 1934 side, which was also unbeaten, are invited, their distinguished captain, Rab Bruce-Lockhart, hopes to be present.

Durham School hosted the **Adrian Bain Memorial Sevens** on Suday, attracting 57 teams. Nick Wellings, the Durham coach, believes this is the biggest schools sevens tournament apart from the one at Rosslyn Park. His side was beaten 12-6 in a keenly contested final by **Hartlepool Sixth Form College**.

● England will hold their final trial before the home schools' internationals at Nottingham High School tomorrow.

GREENS: P Hamer (Lancaster RGS); J Wolters (Dulwich Coll), S Hodges (St Brendan's Sixth Form Coll, Bristol), N Smith (Cranleigh), C Lloyd (Berkhamsted); J Canning (RGS, Guildford), M Calverley (Warwick); J Wells (Cockington), M Gibbons, (Millfield), D Kindine (Plymouth Coll), J Bryant (Exeter Coll), W Hellier (Bristol Cathedral School), C Palmer (Dulwich), P Collings (Hurstpierpoint Comp School, Bristol), T Withyman (Spalding GS).

REDS: C Parker (Chislehurst and Sidcup GS); S Hackney (Stockton Sixth Form Coll), G Hiscocks (Hereford Cathedral School), D Elliott (Birkenhead), P Shearman (John Smeaton Community HS); R Middleton (Sale CGS), A Kardooni (Sherborne); W Rawding (Ber-khamsted), R Taylor (Maidstone GS); P Thompson (Ampleforth), A Taylor (Merchant Taylors, Crosby), M Bayfield (Bedford), J Green (The Campion School), J Turley (Cranleigh), A Robertson (Watford GS).

REPLACEMENTS: A Turton (Normanton, Freeston HS), G Collins (Nottingham HS), R Hunt (Trent).

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IN BRIEF

TABLE TENNIS: Desmond Douglas defends his record of not having lost to an Englishman since 1977 in the English closed championships at Bletchley this weekend.

RUGBY LEAGUE: The draw for the semi-finals of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup has been brought forward from next Tuesday to Monday to give officials more time to organize a venue and tickets for the first semi-final, to be played on March 23.

ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP (Reserve team competition): Quarter-final draw: Salford v Halifax; Hull v Featherstone Rovers; Warrington v Barrow; Widnes v Castleford. Matches to be played on or before March 16.

LACROSSE: England meet England reserves at Crystal Palace in a women's match tonight.

ENGLAND: B Dodson, L Richardson, J Guilbride (capt), J Kemp, K Pettinger, L Tobin, L Hall, J Varley, S Cullen, A McGinn, P Mitchell, A Townsend.

ENGLAND RESERVES: J Phelps; R Jackman, A Gallagher, F Moore, E Quinton, W Adams, J Crabtree, L Preston, V Steam, K Stevens, J Sanderson, S Wilson (capt).

BILLIARDS: The defending champion, Mark Wildman, led Tony Jones 2–0 in their five-game first round match at the Eurotherm world professional championships in London yesterday.

SKIING: Michela Figini, the Swiss world and Olympic champion, is expected to end her triumphant World Cup season with victories in the last two women's downhill races in Sunshine Village, Alberta, Canada, this weekend.

BADMINTON: Prakash Padukone, the leading Indian player, was in top form during his 15–4, 15–12 victory over Kinji Zeniya, of Japan, in the second round of the Danish Open in Aalborg yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Montreal Canadiens 4, Winnipeg Jets 2; Chicago Black Hawks 5, Minnesota North Stars 4; New York Rangers 6, Vancouver Canucks 3.

HEINEKEN BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 12, Whitley Warriors 8.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): New Jersey Nets 129, Seattle Supersonics 108; Chicago Bulls 107, Boston Celtics 104; Philadelphia 76ers 96, Atlanta Hawks 86; Washington Bullets 127, Portland Trail Blazers 121 (2OT); Detroit Pistons 114, New York Knicks 90; San Antonio Spurs 108, Indiana Pacers 102; Utah Jazz 94, Houston Rockets 90; Cleveland Cavaliers 114, Los Angeles Clippers 112; Los Angeles Lakers 145, Golden State Warriors 119.

GOLF

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian open championship: Leading scores: 66: M McLean (GB), H Yamada (Japan). 67: A Omachi (Japan), G Turner (NZ), R Arinno (US). 68: R Davis (Aus), T Gale (Aus), Chen Tze-Chun (Taiwan), Lu Hsi-Chuen (Taiwan), W Pierot (US), C Moody (GB). 69: P Senior (Aus), R Alarcon (Mex), M Siodina (Phil), S Torrance (GB), C McClelland (US), Esnak Shaik (Mal), P Carabo (Swe).

LPGA MONEY WINNERS: 1, P Sheehan, $60,525; 2, B King, 54,737; 3, H Stacy, 43,389; 4, J Carner, 35,104; 5, A Alcott, 31,680; 6, J Blalock, 30,338; 7, N Lopez, 30,028; 8, P Bradley, 29,900; 9, A Okamoto, 29,641; 10, D White, 24,975.

NAIROBI: Kenya open championship: **LEADING SCORES** (British unless stated): 66: A Stubbs, B Waites.

68: C Maltman, M Mackenzie, J-M Canizares (Spl.

70: G Harvey, S Ralph.

71: E Groth-Andersen (Den), M Ingham, K Waters, D Llewellyn, G Broadbent, W Longmuir, D J Russell, P Barber.

72: S Coutts, R Drummond, C Platts, G James (Zim), J Njunga (Ken), D Jones.

TABLE TENNIS.

KRANJ, Yugoslavia: European League: Yugoslavia bt Hungary 6-1.

GRAVENDEEL, Netherlands: European League: Netherlands bt England 4-3. (Dutch names first): Vleg lost to Prean, 18-21, 16-21; H van Spanje bt D Douglas, 21-18, 21-12; B Vriesekoop bt A Gordon, 21-9, 21-6; H and R van Spanje lost to Douglas and Prean, 17-21, 17-21; R van Spanje and Vriesekoop bt Douglas and Gordon, 21-14, 21-17; Vleg lost to Douglas, 14-21, 6-21; H van Spanje bt Prean, 22-20, 21-17.

MOTOR RALLYING

POVOA DO VARZIN, Portugal: Portuguese rally: First day: 1, M Biasion (It) Lancia, 1hr 49min 34sec; 2, W Röhrl (WG) Audio Quattro, at 58sec; 3, A Vatanen (Fin) Peugeot 20, at 1:11; 4, T Salonen (Fin) Peugeot 205, at 1:25; 5, S Blomqvist (Swe) Audi Quattro, at 3:51; 6, J Moutinho (Por) Renault 5, at 8:16; 7, W Grissman (Austria) Audi Quattro, at 15:32; 8, J Kent (WG) VW Golf GTI, at 15:47; 9, J Miguel (Por) Ford Escort, at 16:38; 10, F Wittmann (Austria) VW Golf GTI, at 17:16.

CYCLING

SANTA MARINELLA, Italy: (9.97km time-trial prologue): Tyrrhenian-Adriatic race (haltons unless stated): 1, R Calovi, Spain 39sec; 2, R Visentini at 5sec; 3, B Hinault (Fr), G Saronni, both at 9sec; 5 equal D Akam (GB), at 11sec.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: Virginia Slims women's tournament: (US unless stated): First round: S Gadusek bt B Fromholtz Balestrat (Aus) 6-3, 6-4. Second round: L Antonopolis bt M Washington, 6-1, 6-1; E Burgin bt G Kim, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; J Kitch bt B Herr, 1-8, 6-4, 6-1.

FOOTBALL

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Ramon Santamarina 1, Estud

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ATHLETICS

Thompson and Mrs Slaney say drug abuse is widespread

By Pat Butcher

Daley Thompson and Mary Slaney (nee Decker) two of the biggest stars in world athletics, have confirmed this week that drug-taking in the sport is as widespread as the worst pessimists would have us believe. Thompson, the double Olympic decathlon champion, talking on BBC television's *Sportsnight*, estimated that up to a third of Britain's international athletes were on drugs, with the figure in the United States as high as 80 per cent.

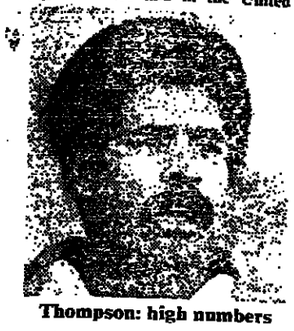
Thompson's estimates of drug-taking among British athletes were immediately questioned by the British Amateur Athletic Board secretary, Nigel Cooper. "I don't think Daley knows the total in the United States or here, he said. "I shall be shattered if our figure is 30 per cent." Cooper was referring to the random dope testing of British athletes which is due to be instituted this year.

Thompson is much more likely to know about the extent of drug-taking both here and in the United States, where he trains frequently, than is Cooper, a fairly recent appointment in athletics administration who is privy to little more than rumour and counter-rumour.

Mrs Slaney admitted to me that eastern-bloc athletes may no longer be considered the chief culprits. "I can't honestly say that there is any less drug-taking anywhere else. I know a lot of people who do take drugs, and I just wish there was a way of getting rid of it."

Mel Lattany, the American sprinter who won the AAA indoor 200 metres last month, will face two of Britain's European indoor champions in the England v United States match at Cosford this weekend. Lattany, who is the fastest man in the world at sea-level over 100 metres, was due to race only in the 200 metres against Todd Bennett, who won the 400 metres in world-best time in Athens last week. But Bill Collins, an American sprinter, missed the plane to England on Wednesday and Lattany has agreed to run in the 60 metres, where he will meet Mike McFarlane, who won at that distance in Athens.

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Thompson: high numbers

Rob Harrison, Britain's third gold medal winner, in the 800 metres, moves up to the mile in an attempt to become the first Briton at Cosford to break four minutes. Bob Verbeek, another champion from Athens, in the 3,000 metres, joins him, and one of only two men to break four minutes at Cosford, Frank Assuma, is in the United States team. A pacemaker will make breaking four minutes a certainty.

RACING: LAST THREE WINNERS MEET IN GRAND MILITARY GOLD CUP

Special Cargo for Sandown encore

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Today's field for the *Horse and Hound* Grand Military Gold Cup includes three past winners: Ballyross, successful in 1982 when the race was run at Kempton; Burnt Oak, the winner two years ago; and Special Cargo, that horse's conqueror 12 months ago.

Later in the season, Special Cargo ran the race of his life when he won the Whitbread Gold Cup, also on today's course. Anyone who was privileged enough to watch that race will surely never forget.

It need hardly be said that Special Cargo, at his best, should win this coveted trophy again for the Queen Mother. However it remains to be seen whether he will be at his best after an absence from the racecourse of 10 months.

My feeling is that he will be fit enough. Fulke Walwyn, his immensely experienced trainer, who has wrought all sorts of miracles in his time, had him ready to run in the Gainsborough Chase at Sandown at the beginning of February but had to forgo that opportunity because he rapped himself the day before.

Since the freeze finished, Walwyn has been able to give Special Cago sufficient strong work to be hopeful that the royal standard bearer can become his fourth winner of the race in the last 10 years.

Ballyross is a force to be reckoned with on his day, but I feel that the hunter, Dicky Blob, could turn out to be the main stumbling block, as he receives a stone from the top weights. As the result of yesterday's hunter chase at Wincanton made only too clear, he was obviously not remotely disgraced at Lingfield eight days ago when chasing home Royal Judgement.

Ramblix, the winner of a point-to-point at Wetherby last Saturday, will be fit enough to do himself justice in the Duke of Gloucester Memorial Trophy and he should win it unless Henrietta Knight has managed to breath fresh life into Bannoran.

Deep Impression is my idea of the day's best bet in the first division of the Lilac Novices' Hurdle. An easy winner at Lingfield in December, my nap has run well enough at Cheltenham, Leicester and Newbury in the meantime to suggest he ought to win again in this company.

Claude Monet, who finally got his act together at Hereford last Saturday after a number of promising but frustrating performances, should now be in the right sort of mood to win the BMW Novice Chase qualifier.

At Carlisle, Mr Snugfit an entry for this year's Grand National, should be capable of beating succeeded in the Kendal Handicap Chase even though he is undoubtedly better over trip beyond this three miles.

Final Argument looks the one to be on for the Binbrook Handicap Chase at Market Rasen following that highly encouraging run behind Classified at Worcester nine days ago.



The Queen Mother's Special Cargo, who makes his seasonal reappearance in the Grand Military Gold Cup

Broadheath defies top weight with game performance

Broadheath, only once out of the frame in six starts this season, put up a good performance by giving weight all round in the Red April Handicap Chase, at Wincanton yesterday. With the good ground that suits him, Broadheath was backed from 11-2 to 4-1 joint favourite.

The winner is trained by David Nicholson for Michael Marsh, who said: "He is a good horse but the handicapper isn't very kind to him. Broadheath likes a holiday between his races and runs best when fresh. He ran one of his best races first time out this season when winning the Mercedes Benz Chase at Chepstow."

There is no shortage of owners who have never enjoyed a winner and the Tote's inspired idea to sponsor races especially for them got off to a great start when it produced no fewer than 12 delighted winning owners. This was the syndicate set up by Kingsbridge trainer, David Barons, only a month ago, to share six New Zealand horses, one of whom, Stevasa, won the Win With The Tote Maiden Hurdle.

Stevasa was only their third runner and Barons was able to give them the right sort of encouragement. "I thought he would win today," the trainer said. Hywel Davies jumped Stevasa past Quelle Farce at the second from home and won by 2½ lengths from Atrabates.

Six of Stevasa's 12 owners were here to greet their winner. Barons said: "I can't say where Stevasa will run next because I shall be looking for good ground for him."

Martin Pipe, the Piper Champagne trainer of the month for February, continued in fine form at Stratford when saddling Irish Lord to win the Smitterfield Novices' Hurdle by 15 lengths. Irish Lord, the 11-4 on favourite, made all the running and, although his jumping was a little sketchy on occasions, his trainer was delighted with the easy victory.

"This tight track certainly didn't suit him but he's a nice horse with a future," Pipe said. The Triumph Hurdle is still on the agenda for Irish Lord, but plans have yet to be finalized. His owner, Bill Gredley, also has Hieronymous engaged in the Triumph.

Triumph absentee

Out Of The Gloom, one-time favourite for the Triumph Hurdle, misses the race. Reg Hollinshead, his trainer, said yesterday: "I shall run him in a novice hurdle over two miles five furlongs at the Grand National meeting and after that I hope he will be my first Chester Cup winner."

Comeback victory

Bregawn, the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, gained his first success since when scoring at 14-1 over hurdles at Limerick Junction yesterday.

● Steven Davies, aged 17, gained his first riding success when partnering Undeb to victory in the Studley Conditional Jockeys Selling Handicap Hurdle at Stratford yesterday.

● Blackrath Prince, a 40-1 chance for the Grand National, has joined Toby Balding from Ireland. He will have his Aintree preliminary in the Cathcart Chase at Cheltenham next week.

CYCLING

Kelly rises to tough challenge

From John Wilcockson
Carpentras

As the going gets tougher in the 35th Paris-Nice race so Sean Kelly gets stronger. Two contrasting, but equally difficult stages yesterday have put the rugged Irishman into fourth place overall: and two of the three who precede him are his French team-mates, Joel Pelier and Frederic Vichot. Only the Australian, Phil Anderson, 23 seconds ahead of Kelly, remains a danger.

Anderson owes his third place to his Panasonic-Raleigh team's breathtaking victory in a 35 kilometres team time-trial that was held in appalling conditions: torrential rain, low cloud on the limestone hills and narrow roads covered in grit and floodwater.

At the top of the course's second hill, 14 kilometres from the finish, Anderson's team was five seconds slower than that of Kelly. Taking great risks on the treacherous descent, Anderson led his five remaining colleagues in a desperate search for the lost seconds.

The trial was being timed on the fourth rider of each team to finish, so when a crash and a puncture reduced the Panasonic forces to four, the stage was finely balanced.

"We were very lucky", understated Anderson after his team's time was confirmed as 45min 42sec, eight seconds faster than that of Kelly.

Earlier in the long, cold day, Anderson had tried to steal a march on the other race leaders in a hilly 98km road race stage between the Rhone valley town of Donzere and Bedoin, a village that sits prettily on the flanks of Mont Ventoux, the mountain that dominates this corner of Provence.

The stage was won by Pelier, the 22-year-old from Eastern France who turned professional after winning the Grand Prix de France time trial last autumn. He needed all his solo riding skill to bring to fruition a 60-kilometre-long breakaway, although he was greatly assisted by there being six of his teammates, including Kelly, in the 29-strong group that trailed him.

RESULTS: Stage 4a (Donzere to Bedoin, 89km): 1, J Pelier (Fr) 2hr 25min 32sec; 2, F Vichot (Fr) at 12sec; 3, C Mottet (Fr) 12sec; 4, F Verhoeven (neth) at 1min 07sec; 5, F Pirard (Neth) 1.07; 6, C Berard (Fr) 1.07. Other placings: 8, A Peiper (Aus) at 1.16; 12, S Kelly (Ire) 1.16; 17, S Roche (Ire) 1.16; 20, P Anderson (Aus) 1.16; 26, R Millar (GB) 1.16; 51, S Bauer (Can) 7.19; 60, S Yater (GB) 7.19.

Stage 4b (Bedoin to Carpentras, 35km. Time trial): 1, Panasonic-Raleigh 45min 42sec; 2, Skil 45.50; 3, La Redoute 48:34; Peugeot 48:48; 5, La Vie Claire 47:23.

Overall positions: 1, Pelier 17hr 46min 09sec; 2, Vichot at 10sec; 3, Anderson at 44sec; 4, Kelly at 1min 07sec; 5, Mottet at 1:13; 6, Peiperat 1:19; 7, Rocha at 1:22; 8, P Winnen (Neth) at 1:30. Other placing 18, Millar at 2min.

EQUESTRIANISM

Newcomers give hope for future

By a Correspondent

Sixty-seven thoroughbred stallions competed yesterday for the 53 £1,000 premiums and the 14 super premiums offered at the National Lighthorse Breeding Society's annual stallion show at Park Paddocks, Newmarket.

This year, following the withdrawal in 1984 of the all-conquering Massarella string from the Society's premium scheme, as a result of a disagreement, attention had to be focused on Class A for stallions new to the premium scheme.

This class was sponsored for the first time by Audi Cars, who give support to point-to-point and are now extending their involvement into working hunter championship as well as providing cash awards for breeders whose premium horses sire winners in Audi qualifiers.

It was of encouraging quality, containing horses of the sort of athletic stamp which are needed for the production of the modern competition horse. The winner, Big Connaught, owned by Mrs Watkins, is a big, powerful sort by Connaught.

He went on to win his class (that for the Eastern and Southern counties) and was finally placed third in the super premium line-up for the King George V Challenge Cup to Tony LeGrice's Cornish-based champion, Shaab, and the reserve champion, Max Abram's Current Magic, from Yorkshire.

Current Magic was champion here in 1982 and 1983 and this year won the Henry Tudor Cup for the stallion returning the best foaling record, for the fourth year in succession.

KING GEORGE V CHAMPION CHALLENGE CUP: Champion T C LeGrice's Shaab. Reserve: T Ma Abrams' Current Magic.
AUDI CARS YOUNG STALLION CHAMPIONSHIP: Champion, Mrs B J Watkins' Big Connaught. Reserve: T M Abrams' Loch Pearl.

Taking over

Lord Patrick Beresford, polo player and former National Hunt jockey, has been named as the new chief d'equipe for Britain's three-day event team. He takes over from Major Malcolm Wallace, who begins his new appointment as director general of the British Equestrian Federation on April 1. The evening season opened today at Tweseldown, near Aldershot.

HORSE TRIALS: Mark Todd, the Olympic individual gold medal winner, and his fellow New Zealanders Ross Renwick, Andrew Bennie and Andrew Nicholson are among the early entries for the Badminton event from April 18-21. The Americans are sending three of their gold medal-winning team

SANDOWN PARK

GOING: good.
Tote double: 2.50, 3.50. Treble: 2.15, 3.20, 4.20.

1.45 LILAC NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,625: 2m) (22 runners)

101	0-31232	DEEP IMPRESSION (D) (N Mills) N Gaselee 6-11-4	K Mooney
103	00-00H	AREN'T WE ALL (T Thorn) J Bridger 6-11-0	R Goldstein
105	28	AZIANO (BF) (H Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-0	P Scudamore
106	00	BACKPACKER (Mrs L Clay) T Clay 5-11-0	Mr D Evatt
111	004	FELL CLIMB (C Henty) P Bailey 5-11-0	R Linley
112	9	FLAG OF TRUCE (R Lyle) D Gilchrist 5-11-0	A Webber
118	000/f-0	RAY PROSSER (Mrs K Wallace) Mrs K Wallace 9-11-0	Jessica Wallace
119		RELIMORE (P Douglas) G Kindersley 5-11-0	NON RUNNER
123	02	SINGLECOTE (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 5-11-0	M Bastard
124	000	SNOWBALL DANNY (A Ward) A Moore 5-11-0	G Moore
125	p-f	STAND FIRM (A Wates) R Gow 5-11-0	M Perrett
126	0	ST ANDREW'S BAY (Mrs D Price) T Forster 5-11-0	H Davies
127		THE CRIGNANT (R McAlpine) J Edwards 6-11-0	P Barton
129	p04	WAFFY-FRYER (G Hubbard) J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe
130	p0	WATER BLADES (Mrs P Tory) T Tory 5-11-0	R Dunwoody
131		WOOD SINGER (Saltbrae Developments) J Gifford 5-11-0	E Murphy 7
133	p00	TINAHUE ANGEL (A Brown) J Fox 6-10-9	S Moore
134	0-	TRIDENT MISSILE (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 6-10-9	–
135	0	WILD QUEEN (B Akarman) W Fisher 5-10-9	P Murphy
136	9	SHINYWOOD (Enwo Hygiene Ltd) P M Taylor 4-10-8	A Carroll
137		TROUT ANGLER (P Trant) Miss P O'Connor 4-10-8	C Warren 7
138		GOLDEN BUNTING (Miss M Rhodes) R Voorspuy 4-10-1	R Rowe

Evens Deep Impression, 4 Aziano, 5 Singlecote, 13-2 St Andrew's Bay, 7 Fell Climb, 16 others.

FORM: DEEP IMPRESSION (11-10) ½l 2nd of 17 to Ragged Robin (11-10) at Newbury (2m hdle, £2206, heavy, Feb 9). CAZIANO 2¾l 6th (11-2) to Crumpet Catcher (11-2) last time, previously (11-3) 2l 2nd of 17 to Tawridge (11-9) at Leicester (2m hdle, £1085, soft, Jan 1). FELL CLIMB (11-3) beaten 38l into 4th behind Forsham (10-7) at Windsor (2m hdle, £752, soft, Jan 30, 19 ran). RELMORE won NH flat race at Carlisle October. SINGLECOTE (10-7) ½l 2nd to Amber Rambler (10-13) at Nottingham (2m hdle, £739, good, Dec 3, 19 ran). SNOWBALL DANNY (11-0) 14l of 21 to Oxley Cottage (2m hdle, £1596, soft, Feb 1). FLAG OF TRUCE (11-0) was out of the first 9.
Selection: DEEP IMPRESSION.

2.15 OAK OPEN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,442: 2m 5f 75yd) (18)

201	124-320	ISAAC NEWTON (N Clark) R Armytage 7-11-10	Mr M Armytage 7
202	201211/	DASMAN (N De Savary) J Jenkins 10-11-8	D Morris 7
203	201000	CAMEBELLE (Maj N Martin) N Mitchell 7-11-7	B Powell
204	00-0030	GALLANT BUCK (B) (J Stott) D Elsworth 5-11-6	C Brown
205	01-0420	LOCHBOISDALE (C) (B) (Winterbourne Construction) J King 5-11-5	S Smith Eccles
206	481222	SACRED PATH (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 5-11-2	C Cox 7
207	008-02p	EUSEBIO (A Sandeman) D Oughton 7-10-11	P Double
210	000114	CARNIVAL AIR (Col I Reid) K Bailey 6-10-7	A Webber
211	10120p	ROUGH COURSE (K Catchpole) Miss L Bower 7-10-6	M Kinane
212	010p00	ROAD TO MANDALAY (B) (Dataserv Ltd) D Barons 8-10-5	H Davies
213	0f3416	SHOEMENDER (P Rodford) P Rodford 8-10-2	C Gray
215	0001-0	ROLL-A-JOINT (M Kingsley) G Thorner 7-10-0	R Kington
218	04-3300	WILD CORN (B Akarman) W Fisher 6-10-0	K Mooney
219	0000033	SUNFLOWER LAD (M Clemence) T Budgin 8-10-0	B De Haan
220	000334	AMERICAN GIRL (R Keen) H O'Neill 6-10-0	M Hammond
221	040404	UPPER NOTE (M Oven) M O'Halloran 7-10-0	R Campbell 4
222	0-04020	KASLAND (C) (J Sturges) Miss L Bower 8-10-0	R Rowell
223	0410-0p	FURZEN HILL (BF) (Ld Vestey) J King 5-10-0	P Scudamore

3 Sacred Path, 100-30 Gallant Buck, 5 Isaac Newton, 13-2 Carnival Air, 7 Sunflower Lad, 9 Lochboisdale, 10 Camebelle, Dasman, 16 others.

2.15 FORM: Isaac Newton, 8th (11-9) to ROSE RAVINE (11-9) last time, previously (10-10) short head to MISTY DALE (10-8) at Cheltenham (3m hdle, £2,725, good to soft, Jan 2, 11 ran. WILD CORN (10-1) was 7¾l back in 5th and CAMEBELLE (11-4) was 8th, earlier this week CAMEBELLE (11-7) was 10th to GOING BROKE (10-0) in Windsor event in which KASLAND (10-0) was 11th and LOCHBOISDALE (11-5) pulled up. Previously LOCHBOISDALE (10-12) 8l, 2nd to Gold Tycoon (10-5) at Newbury, when CAMEBELLE (11-4) and ROLL-A-JOINT (10-0) were out of the first 9 (2m 4f 120yds hdle, £3,358, heavy, Feb 8, 16 ran). GALLANT BUCK 8th (11-5) to Tupbest (10-8) at Plumpton when ROAD TO MANDALAY (10-6) was 9th, previously (10-12) under ill. 3rd to Sheer Gold (10-7) at Newbury (2m 4f 120yds hdle, £2,557, soft, Dec 31, 11 ran. SACRED PATH 6l, 2nd (10-5) to MENDALEAK (10-0) at Newbury when SHOEMENDER (10-0) was not in first 9, earlier (11-10) 4l, 2nd of 14 to Donegal Prince (12-5) at Folkestone (2m 5f hdle, £987, heavy, Jan 26). UPPER NOTE (10-1) was 10¾l back in 4th when scoring at Towcester (2m 5f hdle, £1,483, soft, Jan 31, 19 ran). KASLAND, unplaced in that Windsor race behind Going Broke, earlier (10-0) 15l, 2nd to Floyd (10-5) here (2m hdle, £2,507, soft, Feb 2, 15 ran). SUNFLOWER LAD (10-0) was a neck away in 3rd and ROUGH COURSE (10-10) was 7th.
Selection: WILDCORN.

2.50 HORSE & HOUND GRAND MILITARY GOLD CUP (Chase: £2,635: 3m 118yd) (13)

301	02-12p1	BALLYROSS (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 14-12-7	Lt-Col C Price
302	0-42313	MANTON CASTLE (R Shaw) R Armytage 11-12-7	Capt C Lane
303	011111-	SPECIAL CARGO (CD) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 12-12-7	G Oxley
304	32p-002	BURNT OAK (CD) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 9-12-0	Maj M Wallace
305	100-04p	FIRST GLANCE (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 9-12-0	R Weatherby
306	p0-0000	JACKO (Col P Bengough) D Nicholson 13-12-0	Capt P Lawson
307	3000-41	LISSONEY HILL (Ld Leverhulme) T Forster 9-12-0	C Semple
308	11-1143	MANSION MARAUDER (Col S Harries) J Fox 9-12-0	Lt-Col R Faulkner
309	211113	PLAY THE KNAVE (BF) (C de P Berry) P Bailey 8-12-0	S Bullard
311	1	TURN BLUE (Maj E Wilson) R Champion 6-12-0	B Urquhart
312	420-p0b	COMMANDER CHRISTY (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 9-11-7	G Barkiess
313	13113-2	DICKY BLOB (J Nicholls) J Nicholls 10-11-7	P Lane
314	/33r0p-	GAY TAB (J Simleon) Mrs R Brooks 12-11-7	Maj R Webb-Bowen

3 Special Cargo, 4 Manton Castle, 5 Burnt Oak, 13-2 Ballyross, 7 Play The Knave, 9 Dicky Blob, 10 Mansion Marauder, 12 Lisboney Hill, 16 others.

FORM: BALLYTROSS, (10-4 best Glenfox (10-9) 6l at Cheltenham (3m 1f ch, £3178, soft, Jan 1, 4 ran). SPECIAL CARGO, (11-2) won Whitbread Gold cup by short heads from Latoch (10-12) and Diamond Edge (11-7) here (3m 5f), earlier (12-8) won this race, by 12l from BURNT OAK, (12-1), MANTON CASTLE, (12-8) 15l away 3rd and FIRST GLANCE, (12-1) 15l away 7th (£2935, good, Mar 9, 17 ran). Last time BURNT OAK, (11-3) 5l runner-up to Greenwood Lad (11-7) over course and distance (£2845, good to soft, Nov 30, 5 ran). PLAY THE KNAVE, (10-12) 2l Worcester 3rd to Harr Captain (11-7) (3m ch, £1507, good to soft, Feb 27, 19 ran). Selection: SPECIAL CARGO.

3.20 BMW NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: £3,639: 2m 4f 68yd) (18)

402	00-00qp	AYLE HERO (Mrs L Dresher) J Webber 6-11-6	G McCourt
403	223p00	BROWNTHORN (Mrs M Tevershem) T Budgin 8-11-6	B De Haan
405	p-0p0pu	CHALFORD HILL (B) (T Bushell) M Gibson 8-11-6	Mr G Roe
406	2-422u1	CLAUDE MONET (T Whatley) D Gandolfo 7-11-6	R Dunwoody
407	/01-00f	COMMONTY (Miss K Allan) C A Bell 7-11-6	J H Davies
409	4513-3	ECHO SOUNDER (BF) (The Lady Vestey) D Nicholson 6-11-6	P Scudamore
410	30-0024	I HAVENTALIGHT (BF) (B Brazier) F Winter 5-11-6	J Francome
411	0130-04	ISANEMOS (Mrs G Bonathan) D Barons 7-11-6	H Davies
412		LANGTON CROSS (D Holdway) N Mitchell 5-11-6	B Powell
414	02f1-4u	MANNA REEF (K Al-Said) J Edwards 7-11-6	P Barton
415	/2u60-p	MORTON THE HATTER (F Hall) A Moore 9-11-6	G Moore
416	013003	PRIDDEN JIMMY (T Le Grice) T Le Grice 8-11-6	B Wright
417	p/	ROBERT HENRY (Mrs P Hargreaves) R Armytage 9-11-6	A Webber
418	00-004f	SIMARK (G Hubbard) J Gifford 5-11-6	R Rowe
419	p	THE FRUIT (R Ledger) R Ledger 6-11-6	Mrs N Ledger
423	02-32f1	FLAXEN TINA (Mrs S Gee) J Webber 7-11-1	G Mernagh
424	3-00220	HALATON'S FLAIR (K May) Miss P Nesl 10-11-1	R Hoare
425	00/0ff0	MISS FIDGET (T Bisseth) Miss E Sneyd 7-11-1	I Cox

3 I Haventalight, 7-2 Claude Monet, 4 Flaxen Tina, 6 Echo Sounder, 8 Isanemos, 10 Manna Reef, 12 Commonty, Halenon's Flair, 16 others.

FORM: CLAUDE MONET (11-4) driven out to best Chasm (11-4) 1¼l at Hereford (2m 4f ch, £1,639, soft, Mar 2, 15 ran). MANNA REEF (11-4) unseated rider at the 3rd. Previously MANNA REEF (11-3) 18l 4th to The Divider (11-10) at Carlisle (2m 4f ch, £957, good to soft, Feb 5, 15 ran). ISANEMOS (11-2) 13¾l 4th to Macoliver (11-2) at Leicester (3m ch, £976, good to soft, Feb 25, 19 ran). PRIDDEN JIMMY (11-2) brought down 3 out but remounted to finish a distance behind Tooley Street (11-0) when last of 3 finishers at Ludlow (2m ch, £1,054, good to soft, Feb 28). ECHO SOUNDER (11-0), left at the first. Earlier ECHO SOUNDER (10-10) 3¾l 3rd of 4 to Townley Stone (10-10) at Sandown (2m ch, £2,165, good, Nov 2). FLAXEN TINA (10-10) ½l Nottingham winner from Kelsey Lady (10-10) (2m ch, £1,566, good to soft, Jan 22, 6 ran).
Selection: CLAUDE MONET

Sandown selections

By Mandarin

1.45 DEEP IMPRESSION (nap). 2.15 Sacred Path. 2.50 Special Cargo. 3.20 Claude Monet. 3.50 Ramblix. 4.20 Larry-O.

3.50 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER MEMORIAL TROPHY (Hunter chase: amateurs: £1,151: 3m 118yd) (12)

501	30-p11r	GRANDOGAN (J Doble) D Ancil 10-13-0	J Doble 7
503	1/u0-00	TEN CHERRIES (M Bell) Mrs M Rimell 10-13-0	M Bell 7
504	122/40p/	BANNORAN (Ld Vestey) Miss H Knight 9-12-7	T Thomson Jones
505	00/u03-p	COLONIAL LAD (Royal Regiment of Artillery) K Morgan 12-12-7	Maj M Wallace
507	/fp0pp-	FLAGSTAFF (D Cockram) D Cockram 13-12-7	D Cockram 7
508	/p0p4-	FOUR POSTER (R Clifton-Brown) R Clifton-Brown 9-12-7	S Bullard 7
511	20p/pf-	HIGHWAY DUAL (D Naylor-Leyland) D Naylor-Leyland 10-12-7	D Naylor-Leyland 7
513	02p032-	PELARO (FR) (S Blyth) S Blyth 9-12-7	Mrs Blyth 7
514	033/00-	PENNINE PADDY (Capt R Clowes) R Clowes 11-12-7	Capt R Clowes 7
516	4-34222	RAMBLIX (C) (Sir G Cunard) G Cunard 13-12-7	C Cundall
517	u234f-r	RUSHBURY (Lt-Col C Sidgwick) C Sidgwick 10-12-7	R Russell 7
518	30/f30-	VULGAN'S STRIKE (J Gilmour) J Gilmour 12-12-7	J Gilmour 7

3 Ramblix, 100-30 Bannoran, 4 Grandogan, 6 Ten Cherries, 7 Highway Dual, 9 Pelaro, 10 Pennine Paddy, 16 others.

FORM: TEN CHERRIES, (12–6) 7th to Golden Ty (12–0) at Nottingham, GRANDOGAN (12–9) refusing at the 11th (2m 6f ch, £1,131, good, Feb 26, 12 ran). Earlier GRANDOGAN (10–9) a neck Huntingdon winner from RAMBLIX, (10–2) 3m ch, £1,691, good to firm, Oct 27, 9 ran). PELARO, (11–12) made a bad mistake at the last when 4l runner-up to Warninda (12–1) at Wetherby (3m ch, £1,202, firm, Apr 24, 5 ran).
Selection: TEN CHERRIES.

4.20 LILAC NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,635: 2m) (27)

601	0401	ASA SPADES (E Parker) D Barons 6-11-4	H Davies
602	12	LARRY–O (D) (D Andrews) F Winter 5-11-4	J Francome
604	30f-200	ASHLONE (S Tindall) S Mellor 6-11-0	G Charles-Jones 4
606	40	BUCKFAST ABBEY (Mrs P W Harris) P W Harris 5-11-0	R Stronge
607	00/430-	CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS (Mrs H Edwards) D Barons 7-11-0	–
609		GENERAL CHRYSON (M Peraticos) J Gifford 5-11-0	E Murphy 7
610	p0	JEZAIL (Lt-Col P Dunn) J Fox 5-11-0	S Moore
611	00	LAST ENEMY (T Stratton Smith) J Webber 5-11-0	G McCourt
612	0-000	LITTLE RAY (B Ramsey) T Bill 5-11-0	Philip Hobbs
613	0	MASTER BOB (E Wills) N Henderson 5-11-0	J White
614		MAURIE–BUGG (G Hubbard) J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe
616	2024-f4	MISTER BEE (J Bance) K Bailey 7-11-0	–
617	00	MR MOUSE (M Boddington) N Gaselee 6-11-0	V McKevitt
618	00	SCOTS BOY (A Scotson) R Voorspuy 5-11-0	R Rowell
619	0	NOXAL (A R Price) A R Price 9-11-0	G Enright
621	p	PRIORY POACHER (Mrs P Tory) T Tory 6-11-0	A Carroll
622	400	PROUD PILGRIM (Gen Sir C Blacker) G Thorner 6-11-0	R Kington
623	p0	QUACK QUACK (J Rogerson) A Turnell 5-11-0	F Byrne 7
626	0p0	SNOWBALL JIM (T Tarrant) A Moore 5-11-0	G Moore
627	0000-40	SPECTO SOLIS (M Bryant) S Woodman 6-11-0	R Dunwoody
630	0	TROOP THE COLOUR (M Dealey) D Nicholson 5-11-0	P Scudamore
633	p0000	CASE COTTAGE (Maj N Mann) N Mitchell 5-10-9	B Powell
637		INTO SONG (Mrs A Sloan) N Henderson 6-10-9	–
639		BLUDDENS WOOD (Mrs F Harvey) D Ringer -10-5	S McNeill
640		MYLECONE (Mrs M Fuller) D Oughton 4-10-6	P Double
641	0002	CELTIC DIPPER (A Leighton) A Leighton 4-10-1	C Smith
642		GREAT LINE (D Kerr) H O'Neil 4-10-1	M Hammond

11-4 Larry-O, 100-30 Asa Spades, 5 Ashlone, 8 Mister Bee, 9 Master Bob, 10 Mr Mouse, 12 Troop The Colour, 14 into Song, 16 others.

FORM: ASA SPADES, (10-9) beat Rainbow Lady (10-10) by 2½l at Hereford (2m 4f hdle, £1,432, soft, Mar 2, 17 ran). LARRY–O (11-8) 1l runner-up to Polistown (10-5) at Lingfield (2m hdle, £548, heavy, Jan 31, 7 ran). ASHLONE, (11-7) weakened from 2 out when 7th to Rising Forest (10-11) here (2m 5f), earlier (11-0) 2l runner-up over course to Lucky Rascal (11-0) (£2,220, good to soft, Nov 30, 21 ran). MASTER BOB, (11-0) 5¾l 6th to Lonach (11-5) at Cheltenham (2m 4f hdle, £1,500, good to soft, Dec 7, 14 ran). MR MOUSE, (11-0) 36½l 6th to Ragged Robin (11-10) at Newbury (2m hdle, £2,206, heavy, Feb 8, 17 ran). SPECTO SOLIS (11-0) back in 9th.
Selection: ASHLONE

Results from two meetings

Wincanton

GOING: Good to soft

1.30 (2m ch) 1. BISHOPS YARN (B Reilly, 100–30). 2. Rostre (A Webber, evens tav); 3. Pollsbure (B Goldstein, 14–1). ALSO RAN: 11 Just Pam (f). Ride High (f). 12 Beech Copse (f), 16 Forestdale (4th). 50 Kano Flower (ur), 100 Pydar Lady (f). 8 ran. NR: Fitz. 11. 12l. not taken. G Balding at Weyhill. TOTE: £3.00. £1.20, £1.10. £2.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £6.52.

2.00 (2m hdle) 1. STEVASA (H Davies, 16–1); 2. Atrabates (Mr S Sherwood, 16–1); 3. Paddy O'Malley (R Rowe, 7–1). ALSO RAN: 3 Jt-favs Golden Glitter (5th), Imperial Champagne (5th), 15–2 New Song, 8 Velindre, 10 Flying Jackdaw, 33 Billy's Bombardier, Gary Shaw, 50 Bally Code, Beach Party, Les Dancer, Mulben, Tophatter (ur), Dolbesre Lass, Mizzie Lizzie, Spinster's Rock, Thistle Blue, Wood Poppy, 21 ran. NR: Almost Casual, Astonish Me. 2½l, 1½l 3l, 7l, 7l. D H Barons at Compton. TOTE: Win £11.50; £2.10, £10.00, £2.80. DF: £216.70. CSF: £224.10.

2.30 (2m 5f ch) 1. BROADHEATH (P Scudamore, 4–1 jt-fav); 2. Bayham Sir Vardon (R Goldstein, 4–1 jt-fav); 3. Quarrin (W Newton, 12–1); 4. Bickleigh Bridge (C Brown, 12–1). ALSO RAN: 6 Rock Saint (pu), 9 Wild Gamble (5th), 33 Oyster Pond (f), 14 Model Muse, Western Fawell (pu), 16 Romany Count (6th), 20 Royal Potion, and Under-Rated (pu), 25 My Always (ur), 33 Bold Argument (pu), 66 Piping Reed (pu), Prince Buskins (f), Swaggering (pu), Withymans Pool (pu), Rhythm Stick (pu). 19 ran. ½l, 8l, 3l, nk, nk. D Nicholson at Stow on the Wold. TOTE: £4.20; £1.70, £1.50, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £5.40. CSF: £19.81. TRICAST: £156.41.

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3.30 (2m hdle) 1. MR KEY (A Webb, 9-2); 2. Quickstep (P Leach, 1-3 fav); 3. Graceful Kicker (P Barton, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Tigerwood (4th), 25 Corragary, Tachestor (5th), 33 Hodnet, Laurenbal, Parvero (6th), 50 Air Strike Catman (f), Jess Fripon (PU), Sharp Image (PU), Bemac, Clayhill Girl (PU), Housewife, Streaking Lady (PU). 17 ran. NR: Participation. 1l, 8l, 7l, 4l, not recorded. P Haynes at Chichester. TOTE: £5.10; £1.20, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £2.90. CSF: £8.51.

4.00 (2m ch) 1. TALLYRAND (G Jones, 10-1); 2. Little Rock (P Scudamore, 100-30); 3. Gaits Hot (M Ayliffe, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Bolt Hole (

RUGBY UNION: SELECTORS SHOW FAITH IN THEIR PLAYERS

Selection silences the Welsh critics

By Gerald Davies

The Welsh team has been greeted by what seems to be, in Larkin's words, "unignorable silence". For the first time in two years and after their first success in this season's championship, which in terms of chances created they could well have achieved by a wider margin, the Welsh selectors, towards whom most of the fickle fingers have been pointed, find no one to disagree with them. The troubled waters are suddenly calm.

There are areas that require attention, however. For a team to be any good, and to show confidence in themselves, they need to be disciplined. There were two glaring examples at Murrayfield of a lack of self-control. When penalties had been awarded in Wales's favour, both Perkins, in the first half, and Moriarty, in the second, uttered enough ill-chosen words to persuade the referee to reverse his decision.

Despite the recognized strength of Wales's front five forwards, the scrummaging was not as solid as it might have been or, perhaps, too much is still expected of it, bearing in mind the Australians pushover try. They were screwed and wheeled so often that Moriarty at No 8 never established a proper rapport with his captain, Holmes, who, inconsequence, had a difficult time of it.

More possibilities are now opening to Wales in midfield. Mark Ring had an inspirational attacking game alongside Ackerman, who proved a more weighty but complementary side-kick. On the sidelines is Bleddyn Bowen who, like Ring, displayed last year the traditional virtues of British centre three-quarter play. He did not play during the earlier part of the season because of injury but is now back on the Welsh replacement bench. The question is, might Ring and Bowen not be paired together at some stage? Or do they need the more solid presence of Ackerman in order to indulge their own, more extravagant, gestures?

But after many years, in which we have seen the diminishing influence of centre three-quarter play, it is intriguing now to think of the different styles that are available and the permutations that are open once more. Except it was suggested quite strongly late last Saturday night by one or two who exert some influence over the team, that Bowen ought to be considered at stand-off half. The silence, perhaps, is unbearable for some.

NSW itinerary

After two matches on the Continent, a New South Wales Country party play the first of five matches in Britain on Sunday. Having warmed up against Italy's B team at Padua and against a French selection on Tuesday, the Australians play a Torbay select at Brixham before going on to the games at Bridgend, Stroud, London Welsh and Belfast.

ITINERARY: March 10, v Torbay select (Brixham), 13, v Bridgend; 14, v Stroud; 17, v Public School Wanderers (Old Deer Park); 19, v Ulster (Ravenhill)

Mullin is restored as the Irish are rewarded for their plans

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Irish selectors, crossing their fingers that the aches and pains of the bruising encounter with France last weekend will have receded, have made only one change in the team to play Wales at Cardiff on March 16. Brendan Mullin, an original selection against France anyway, returns to the centre to win his third cap at the expense of Moroney.

Nearly half the side will not be playing club rugby this weekend and Sunday's squad training will be a telling occasion as Ireland prepare to meet a Welsh team showing no changes from that which beat Scotland at Murrayfield. MacNeill, Dean, Matthews, Anderson and Spillane all required treatment during the drawn game with France, the gravest doubt being cast about Matthew's availability on the blindside flank.

But Matthews notified the selectors before their meeting on Wednesday evening that he was fit for consideration. His shoulder ligaments have been stretched and bruised, but it is hoped any discomfort will have gone by next week. Similarly Anderson had heavily bruised ribs but is optimistic that all will be well by tomorrow week.

Mullin will indicate his recovery from knee ligament damage by playing on Saturday before returning to the Cardiff ground where he appeared for the Barbarians against the Australians in December. It was on the same ground two years ago that Ireland, then in championship form, lost heavily to Wales.

It is hardly surprising that Wales have kept faith with a side that performed with considerable panache at Murrayfield. There may have been a query over Lewis on the left wing in view of the return to form of Hadley (Cardiff), but the Llanelli player had had very little opportunities in his two internationals so far.

McNeill, who suffered a thigh injury last Saturday, will be tested to the limit by Gareth Davies's tactical kicking. While no one doubts MacNeill's courage, his positional play will need to be at its best and he will require greater consistency with his line kicking.

Last Saturday though Davies opted in several instances for a running game. Dean, with Mullin restored to the centre where he is noted for his attacking ability, will hope to do likewise. The Irish stand-off half broke his nose during the French game but such a minor disposition seems hardly to have weighed with the selectors.

The match will be refereed by Kerry Fitzgerald, the Australian official who handled Ireland's game at the weekend. Mr Fitzgerald made his mark on Wednesday evening when he sent off Owen, the Bridgend back for fighting during the course of their defeat against Swansea.

WALES: M A Wyatt (Swansea); M H Titley (Bridgend), R A Ackerman (London Welsh), M G Ring (Cardiff), P J Lewis (Llanelli), W G Davies (Cardiff), T D Holmes (Cardiff, captain); J Whitefoot (Cardiff), W J James (Aberavon), I H Eidman (Cardiff), M Morris (South Wales Police), S J Perkins (Pontypool), R L Norster (Cardiff), D F Pickering (Llanelli), R D Moriarty (Swansea). Replacements: H Davies (Bridgend), B Bowen (South Wales Police), D J Bishop (Pontypool), M D Richards (Neath), I Stephens (Bridgend), G Roberts (Cardiff).

IRELAND: H P MacNeill (Oxford University); T M Ringland (Ballymena), B J Mullin (Dublin University), M J Kiernan (Lansdown), K D Crossen (Instonians), P M Dean (St Mary's College), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution), P A Orr (Old Wesley), C F Fitzgerald (St Mary's College, captain), J J McCoy (Dungannon), P M Matthews (Ards), D G Lenihan (Cork Constitution), W A Anderson (Dungannon), N J Carr (Ards), B J Spillane (Bohemians). Replacements: M P Fitzpatrick (Wanderers), H T Harbison (Bective Rangers), B W McCall (London Irish), R C Brady (Queen's University, Belfast), R P Keyes (Cork Constitution), P I Rainey (Lansdowne).

Referee: K V J Fitzgerald (Australia).



Mullin: returns

Challenge for Welsh

The Wales youth team will be hoping to make up for their 15-0 defeat by Welsh Colleges in February when they play France at Abertillery tomorrow.

Simon Barnes meets a captain trying to banish a persistent image at Wembley

Jolly big task for English roses

The sportif lady with a rose embroidered over her heart asked: "Well – am I unglamorous?" The sweater was that of an England international. The question was plainly rhetorical. Sportswomen are expected to be mildly glamorous these days – indeed, sport itself has become glamorous. Sportswomen are expected to be taut-muscled, flowing-coiffed, and glossy, whether they are Chris Lloyd, Valerie Brisco-Hooks or England's hockey captain, Linda Carr.

Hockey? Glamorous? "I know," said the far-from-unglamorous Miss Carr with a sigh. "All that Jolly Hockey Sticks stuff. It's a hard image to put down, that." This weekend is the high point in the year for all that is most Jolly about hockey: it is the weekend of the annual international match at Wembley, that Betjmanesque occasion when the cheering of tens of thousands of schoolgirls reaches notes far above the stave. Miss Carr leads England against Scotland tomorrow in the annual battle: English PE. teachers contra mundum, in an atmosphere of hysteria and cream buns.

This is the annual peaking of public interest in women's hockey: a great crowd, a great stadium, and the magical television cameras as well. A pity then, that the Wembley game does not truly represent the women's game of today... any more than the traditional notion of hockey women as thunder-thighed Boudiccas does justice to the fleet-footed players.

For a start, at Wembley you have to play on that funny, old-fashioned substance called grass – remember that stuff? These days, both the men's and the women's game is played on plastic for preference on any occasion – and invariably when at the highest level. "Plastic pitches make the game faster, more skilful and more exciting for spectators," said Miss Carr.

Of course, we all had a good chance to get a look at the modern men's game during the Olympic Games, lightning fast on the plastic surface, with the goalkeepers dressed as astronauts. We shall not forget the style of the Great Britain goalkeeper. Ian Taylor "the man from East Grinstead" as the commentators always called him, with his enormous padding, and his coldly thought out, brilliantly effective human sandbag technique. Now the women have taken to the same methods, and the England goalkeeper Julie Cook put on her Darth Vadar helmet and rolled on the ground to great effect as England beat Wales 1–0 last weekend.

"It's a modern game", said Miss Carr. "A few years ago, we looked at the Dutch and the West Germans, and wondered why they were so much better than us. The answer was simple: they were fitter, and they were more skilful." With a 4–2 defeat by West Germany at Wembley in 1983, not to mention a 9–2 defeat in the Netherlands two years earlier, it had to be admitted that there was room for improvement.

And so hockey got itself streetwise. It came to terms with all the modern sports stuff about muscle glycogen and workloads and peaking, or at least, it got the whole thing organized. No sport takes its training and preparation casually these days, and getting in trim to play international women's hockey is not a matter of unbridled Jollity. The England squad can only get together to train two or three weekends in the year, but the training is still centralised. Fitness is monitored in gym tests that involve such things as the dreaded treadmill machine, while the times of repeated "skill circuits" are used to keep track of a player's mechanical abilities. "I train about four or five nights a week", said Miss Carr. "You must always work on both skills and fitness.

"We are much more professional in our attitudes than we ever were before. We know the importance of developing skills and fitness if we want to compete at the highest level. And if you are training intensely for five years, you are not training to lose, are you? The gap between us and countries like West Germany and the Netherlands is narrowing. By the time the World Cup is held in Vancouver in 1986, we hope to have a very good chance."

But as the elite continue to train with ever more scientifically applied determination, so the pool of schoolgirl enthusiasts continues slowly to evaporate. In 1979, 66,000 watched the Wembley game. In 1983, only 53,000 came along. And last year, the number was down to 47,000. The number of schoolgirls who play hockey is on the wane: there are fewer pitches than there were, and more school sports halls. Volleyball can be an attractive option on games afternoons in January.

"We need to push the new development, indoor hockey," Miss Carr said. "We need to get into the schools to show what an enjoyable game hockey is. We need to work on bringing back the players who left the game when they went to college. But above all we must make hockey exciting. We get a lot of interest once a year at Wembley. It is a question of keeping it.

"Because Wembley is our chance to show what a good game this is. A good, hard, attractive game. That's the image you want to spread for us. Tell them we're not all big and beefy." Perhaps women's hockey will not become the smash-hit glamour sport of the 1990s. But that won't be because Miss Carr, in her England sweater and her sprayed-on scarlet tracksuit trousers, has not been trying.



Thoroughly modern Miss: Linda Carr with her school pupils in St Helens

Great Britain make an early start

Great Britain, who came together as a team too late to qualify for the last Olympic Games do not aim to slip up for the next Olympics, Joyce Whitehead writes.

Although guide lines or qualification and participation in the 1988 Olympic Games will not be circulated by the Federational Internationale de Hockey, until next month, Great Britain have already started making their plans. Anne Ellis, who was the Great Britain coach has been superceded by Denis Hay, the current Scotland team coach and Jenny Cardwell, the present England coach will be the manager.

The team will first play two matches with the Netherlands on June 1 and 2 at Gateshead Stadium and from November 4 to 10 they will play five internationals against the Dutch in the Netherlands.

Tomorrow England play Scotland at Wembley. Then from 10 o'clock to 4.0 on Sunday at Bretton Gate, Peterborough, the East will hold their club tournament in two sections, Ipswich, Saffron Walden, Lincoln Imps and Chelmsford in one, Orpington, Welwyn Garden City, Peterborough and Norwich Vagabonds in the other. The two top teams will represent the East in the National Club finals.

With the recent bad weather Norfolk have had to rearrange their tournament three times. Essex could not play at all so Chelmsford have been put through. Three England players Vickey Vixon (Saffron Walden), Sandy Lister (Ipswich), and Karen Brown (Orpington) will travel up from Wembley to play

VOLLEYBALL

Mizuno believe they have it taped

By Paul Harrison

The revival of Speedwell Runapor continues. The team from the west country who dominated English volleyball for four seasons, fell from grace last season but have come back this time in a determined fashion. Their defeat of Capital City Spikers last weekend not only kept them at the top of the British National League but also exacted a measure of revenge on the team that took their league and cup titles away from them last season.

The match between Speedwell and Team Mizuno – who beat Spark Crook Log 3-0 last weekend – on March 23 will probably now decide the destination of the title. Spikers can still salvage something from what has been a disappointing season for them: they meet Spark this weekend in the semi-finals of the English Cup.

While Mizuno were playing Spark, two of their representatives were videoing the game in Carshalton in preparation for their visit to Speedwell. Spikers, as hosts, will get a copy of the tape; Speedwell may also.

Up in Scotland, where there were no Royal Bank League matches, attention switched to the under-16 internationals between Scotland and England. England's girls won twice – 3-2 and 3-0 – which were their first successes for seven years, but the Scots rescued national pride, beating the English 3-0, on each occasion.

John Lyle, Scotland's senior men's coach, had his squad for the forthcoming matches with England together for a weekend's training. England have training planned for next weekend.

Scottish hopes are built around five players from Volvo Trucks and four from Murray International Metals, one of whom is the redoubtable Ronnie Hamilton. Hamilton, aged 36, became the first Scot to 100 caps when he played against England last season, but the occasion was somewhat soured for him by the fact that the Scots lost the match and with it their 13-year unbeaten record against the English.

IN BRIEF

BOWLS: Sixty-two bowlers will share £12,000 prize money in the annual Crown Green Bowls Festival at Rhyl, sponsored for the fourth year by Midland Bank. This year the Festival runs for almost two weeks, from July 20 to August 1.

MOTOR RACING: Andy Wallace, who registered a victory on his debut in the Marlboro British Formula 3 championship last week, travels to Thruxton on Sunday for the next round.

GOLF: The PGA national assistants' championship has been rescued by a new sponsorship deal. The tournament, threatened when Foot-Joy withdrew last year, will now be backed by Wilson's, the sports goods manufacturers, with increased prize money of £10,000. The finals will take place at Coombe Hill, Surrey on August 13-16.

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Making sure the car is star of the show

The fifty-fifth Swiss Motor Show, which opened in Geneva yesterday, offers a number of important lessons to the organizers of its British equivalent, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. The society, the car industry's premier trade body in Britain, depends on the biannual Motor Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, for much of its income and will ignore the message from Geneva at its peril.

Manufacturers exhibiting at last year's NEC show were critical of the cost. Some leading car makers talked of an overall bill for a quarter of a million pounds each. One of their most expensive outlays was the design and construction of elaborate stands.

The prize-winning exhibit of International Motors, importers of South Korean and Japanese cars, represented an eye-catching eastern temple. Another resembled a space age interplanetary rocket station. The originality shown to woo the visitor away from the competition was commendable. But it was an expensive irrelevance. The car should be the star of a motor show, not the stand designer or constructor.

Then, again, there was noise. How can you conduct an intelligent conversation on an exhibitor's latest car when an amplified jazz band is belting out St Louis Blues so overpowering that racks of empty glasses in a neighbouring entertainment suite clatter in rhythm to the music?

Geneva controls its exhibitors with a rod of iron. But in a rather clever way, it manages to do this by using a committee of exhibitors to police their colleagues. Quite simply, the Geneva organizers rent stand space at floor level, and prohibit the erection of any structures over a few centimetres in height. This is relaxed only for those stands backing onto exterior walls and so not interfering with the visibility of their neighbours.

Noise levels are similarly restricted and monitored with test equipment. In practice, it means that jazz bands are out, demonstrators are banned from using amplification equipment and even visiting heads of motor companies have to obtain exemption to use an amplifier at press conferences on their stands.

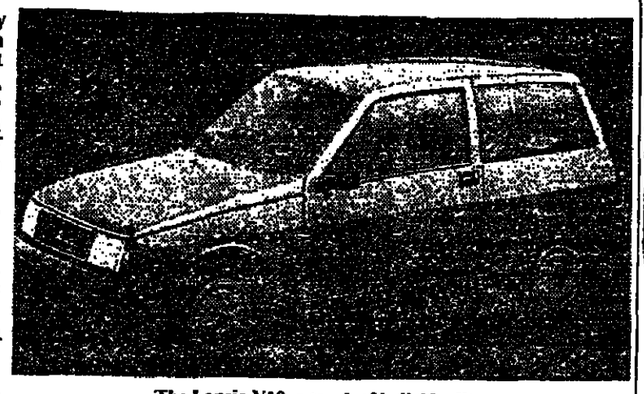
Last October, at Birmingham, the start of press conference seemed to be the signal for every competitor in the hall to turn up the volume.

At Geneva, sound systems are permitted only with the use of head phones and television screens to face inside the stand or be sited sufficiely far back for spectators to be accommodated on the stand. They do not want the aisles blocked.

British manufacturers I spoke to at Geneva this week were unanimous in their praise of the organizers' approach. Mr Bert Lawrence, public affairs director of Austin Rover, said: "The car is king here, as it should be. You can stand anywhere at the Geneva show and quickly find the exhibit of your choice by looking along the roof-high company names, all at the same height and of the same size and dominance. We can also hold conversations which do not become shouting matches with the sound projector next door."

Mr Richard Perry, chief executive of Rolls-Royce, said: "The SMMT could learn many lessons from Geneva and I hope they do in time for next year's British show."

He will suggest that it comes high on the agenda of the next meeting of the SMMT's public affairs committee. It is true that Geneva is the last European motor show which takes place annually and therefore has a need to keep exhibitor's costs to a minimum. It is also true that the Swiss show is a little too clinicly antiseptic. But that is no reason why in typically British fashion the SMMT should not settle for a less draconian compromise.



The Lancia Y10: a touch of individuality

New Lancia

The days when car makers timed the appearance of their latest models for the motor show which would give them the widest exposure are long gone. At Geneva, "all new" cars are more noticeable by their absence than their presence. One of the few exceptions is the Lancia Y10, a small hatchback which the Fiat subsidiary hopes will attract much needed traffic through its dealers showrooms.

It is an attractive little car, with an abruptly chiselled rear end which is bound to be controversial. I like it because it introduces individuality into a sector which is notable only for its sameness. "Name that car" is a pastime indulged in by even veteran motor writers when they are following small hatchbacks and unable to read the name or identify the badge.

Y10 is a three door, transverse engined Mini, with a choice of three engines. The smallest, the 1,000cc, is the first time out for Fiat's new Fire engine family, followed by the Brazilian made 1050cc engine which powers the Fiat 127, and finally, a turbo-charged version of that engine.

They will not go on sale in Britain until June, when I expect prices to start at about £4,500, and reach £5,800 for the turbo. If my information is correct, British motorists could be onto a good thing. Although Lancia insist that the Y10 is an up-market mini, and could command a premium price I believe it will initially be sold cheaply to win the business its dealers need so desperately. They are among the most depressed in Britain today.

At £4,500, the Y10 Fire will be £160 cheaper than the Metro one litre. But the real bargain could be the Y10 turbo at £5,800, compared with £6,371 for the Metro turbo.

Brief test runs in the environs of Geneva suggest that the little Lancia is a well engineered car with predictable handling and a very neat dashboard. Heavy rain and sleet did not permit performance figures to be taken but I should expect the turbo to top 110 mph and reach 60 mph in about 9.5 seconds.

Citroen style

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BIRTHS

BAGGE. – On March 7, at the Westminster Hospital, to Victoria (nee Lyndon Skeggs) and James – a daughter, Cordelia Louise Mortson.

BASSETT.–On February 27th at Royal Berkshire Hospital to Jennifer (nee Wolf) and Edward, a son Edward James.

CANNING – on March 7th, at West London to Julia (née Bye) & Spencer, a daughter, Cordelia Louise Mortson.

GWYNNE-JONES: On 6th March 1985 to Mandy (ne Murral) and David, a daughter Philippa. Many thanks to the Cheerful staff at Bristol Maternity Hospital.

HENRY. – On March 3, at Poole General Hospital, to Jane (née Hatty) and Richard, a daughter, Sophie Charlotte.

HOULDEN - on 1st March to Jennifer (nee Maddock) and Lawrance, a daughter Tamsin Laura.

LAWSON. – On March 1st, 1985, to Anne and Peter – a son (Richard Outram).

LOCKWOOD. – On March 5th to Judith (née Dickinson) & John, a son, George.

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MARRIAN – On 2nd March to Emma & David – a son (Jack).

PENGELLY on March 2nd at The Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, to Gerry (nee Pumphrey) and Andrew, a daughter, Rachel Alice, sister for Oliver, Victoria and Laurence.

PILGRIM – on March 5th, to Janet (née Williams) and Mark, at Chase Farm Hospital, a son, Dominic James Christian.

RICHARDS.– On March 6th at Queen Charlottes Hospital, London, to Sian (nee Fibbens) and Stewart. Ason, George Edmund Gordon.

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THOMAS.–On 6th March at the Mount Hospital, Northampton, to Mary (nee Thornton) and Godfrey, a son George Mark Lloyd.

WILKES – On March 3rd to Sally (Nee Glover) and James, a son, Richard James.

BIRTHDAY

STEPHENS JAMES (Jim) 8th March, Happy 60th Birthday. Have a lovely day. Love Pam.

STEPHENS JAMES (Jim) 8th March, happy 60th Birthday Dad. Love Kurt and Jamie.

DEATHS

BARLOW–On March 5th, in hospital after a short illness, Sheila Margaret, widow of Lieutenant Colonel L. M. Barlow O.B.E., M.C., late of Q.V.O. corps of Guydes. Much loved sister, mother and grandmother. Funeral, private. No flowers please.

BEARD – Hugh James, on March 6th at Guys Hospital after long illness. Much loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Jonathan and Christopher. Funeral, family only. Memorial service to be announced later. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, room 11, POB 123 Lincolns Inn Fields, WC2A 3PX.

BENWICKE.– On 2nd March, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Hannah, widow of Calverley Benwicke. Service, Our Lady of Victories, Kensington High Street, W8, Friday, 15th March, 1985, at 12.30pm, followed by private cremation.

BONFIGLIOLI. – Peacefully at The General Hospital Jersey, Sunday, March 3, 1985, Kyril Emanuel of 19 St Annes Terrace, St Helier, Jersey. Funeral 2 o'clock: Tuesday March 12, Jersey Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers to Pat Carter, 4 Jersey Arts Centre, Phillips Street, St Helier.

BOSTON, Laurie. – On March 6th suddenly but peacefully at home, much loved husband of Jillie and father of Mark, Clare and Judith, and friend to many. Funeral service at Trull Parish Church, Taunton, 12.30, Wednesday 13th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Trull Church Restoration Fund, c/o Leonard Smiths, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton.

BROOKE.– On March 6th, 1985, at Guy's Hospital, after a week of unconsciousness and remarkable intensive care, Joan Margaret, daughter of Beatrix and the late Frederick Smith of Sao Paulo, Brazil, wife of Peter, mother of Jonathan, Daniel, Sebastian, and the late Patrick. Loving and much loved. Funeral at All Saints, West Lavington, near Devizes, Wilts, at 11.30am on Saturday, March 9.

CLARK.– On March 5th, peacefully in hospital, Frederick William, in his 73rd year. Funeral service, West London Crematorium, Monday March 11, at 2.45pm. Enquiries please, to R. P. Sherry & Son, 725-0425.

DOWNIE – On 23rd February 1985, James Stewart Downie, aged 79, beloved husband of the late Doris Anne Downie and father of the late Lt Colin Stewart Downie. Cremation has taken place.

GAYTHER On March 6th 1985 peacefully at Turville, Pamela, beloved wife of Richard and mother of Caroline, Robert and Alice. Family funeral at Tremeirchion, North Wales, Wednesday March 13th. Flowers may be sent to Tongs Funeral Services Rhyl.

GRANTHAM – on the 5th March 1985, suddenly at her home in St Osyth (Essex) Margaret Violet Grantham Grantham, widow of the late Vincent Alec Grantham. Funeral Service at St Osyth Parish Church on Tuesday 12th March at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Osyth Parish Church funds.

HERZFELD. On March 6 peacefully at home, Rosalind Herzfeld. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Friday March 8, at 1.30pm. Memorial Service at West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, W1, on Monday March 18th at 5.45 pm.

MACPHERSON.– Bill, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, on 5th March, suddenly in hospital, aged 67 very much loved by his family and many friends, and will be greatly missed. Funeral service at 1pm, on Wednesday 13th March at St Andrews church, Chorleywood followed by cremation at 2pm at the Chilterns crematorium, Amersham. No flowers but if desired donations to Cancer Research.

MASON – on March 2nd 1985, at St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, Margaret Mason, F R C S. Requiem Mass at 10.30 am on Thursday, March 14th, at St Alban's Church, Brooke Street, EC1. Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11. All enquiries to A. France & Son Ltd. Tel: 01-405 4901.

NEWSOM. – On March 5th, 1985, after a short illness, Isabel Ethel, in her 96th year, much loved elder sister of Kathleen and Dorothy, a beloved aunt to three generations. Funeral service at Oxford crematorium, on Monday, March 11th, at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to Camp Hopson, Funeral Directors, Newbury.

NEWTON, – Eileen, of Corfe Cottage, Corfe, near Taunton, Somerset, beloved mother of Jennifer and Claire, peacefully on March 6, 1985. Funeral, Wednesday 13th March, 3pm. Corfe church, followed by cremation (private). Family flowers only. Donations to Corfe church re-roofing fund.

NIGHTINGALE.– On 5th March, 1985, at his home, Robert Henry, in his 83rd year. Service will be held in St Michael's church, Mildred Avenue, Watford, on Friday 15th March, at 11.45 am, followed by interment in North Watford cemetery. All enquiries and floral tributes to C. H. Hemmeal & Son, 190, Harwood Road, Watford, 26309.

PEARCE – on March 6th 1985, Clifford James Pearce C.B., formerly Under Secretary Department of The Environment, aged 68 years. Beloved husband of Elaine and father of John and Alison. Service at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday, 12th March, at 10.30 am. No flowers please.

PHILLPOTTS - on March 6th 1985, suddenly but peacefully after a short illness, at the Avenue Clinic, Hove, Christopher Locke George Phillpotts CMG. Darling husband of Vivian, adored father of Jude and Simon and beloved grandfather of Jessica, Jonathan and Dominic. Family funeral at Speldhurst Church Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on March 15th, flowers to Hanningtons, 4-6 Montefiore Rd, Hove. Memorial Service to be announced later.

REYNOLDS Carolan Rebecca. Peacefully at home on March 6. Loving and loved for her 9 years at Merrywalks. Cremation at noon on Tuesday March 12 at Tunbridge Wells. Family flowers only. Donations if desired please to: Guys Evelina Childrens Hospital Appeal, 25B St Thomas Street, London SE1.

RUSSELL – on 7th March at Odstock Hospital, peacefully in her sleep after a short illness Margot, dearly loved mother of Ian and grandmother of Philippa, William and Harriet.

SKENTELBERY. – On March 7, at The Mignot Memorial Hospital, Alderney, peacefully after a long illness, Norman, aged 88. Beloved husband of Jacky and dear father to Rosemary and Richard.

DEATHS

SOMERVELL. – Peacefully in Westmorland County Hospital, on March 8, Colin Mackay, Dearly loved son of Robert and Veronica and brother of David, Philip and Tony. Service at Kendal Parish Church. Enquiries to Hayes and Parkinson (Kendal 20106). Family flowers only but donations if desired to The British Diabetic Association.

SPIRE–On 26th February 1985, Sheila, suddenly. For 30 yrs. lecturer in classics at Leicester University, she will be greatly missed by colleagues, friends and pupils.

SPORBORG On March 6th at home Harry beloved husband of Mary and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at St Andrews Church, Pinner Hadham 2.30pm Tuesday March 12th. Flowers to Upwick Hall, Albury or St. Andrews Church or if preferred donations to The Sue Ryder Foundation Cavendish Suffolk. A memorial service in London to be announced later.

SWATLAND.– On March 4 at her home, Mayfield Rise, aged 80 years, wife of the late Alfred Mervyn Swatland, beloved mother of Dawn Marsh, and mother-in-law of Zbyszek. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Hastings, on Tuesday March 12, at 10.45 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu for MENCAP, may be sent to A. Towner Ltd., Funerals Directors, 2-8 Norman Road, St Leonard's-on-Sea. Tel: (0424) 436366.

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WALLER. On March 3rd 1985, Hubert Robert aged 85 years of 63, Heaton Road, Bartom-le-Clay, Bedford. Funeral Service Monday March 11th at Barton Parish Church 2.30 pm. Family flowers only by request but donations if desired to the Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o Neville Funeral Services, 311 March Road, Luton. Tel: 574902.

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9.20 **Ceefax. 10.30 Play School** (r).

10.50 **World Figure Skating Championships.** Live satellite coverage from Tokyo of the Free Dance routine featuring the British hopes, Karen Barber and Nicky Slater. The commentator is Alan Weeks.

12.30 **News After Noon** with Moira Stuart and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** Jeff Banks talks to Roland Klein about the world of fashion; Michael Crawford appraises his career; and Ron Pickering discusses the problem of drugs in sport. 1.45 **Chock-a-Block.** A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). 2.00 **Ceefax. 3.48** Regional news (not London).

3.50 **Play School,** presented by Fred Harris with guest, Jane Hardy. 4.10 **Jackanory.** Christopher Biggins with part five of Jackie Webb's, Wilkes the Wizard. 4.20 **Secrets Out!!!** The first of a new series of quiz games, presented by Johnny Ball, in which a panel have to discover contestants' unusual or eccentric hobbies.

4.45 **Newsround Extra.** John Craven reports on the State of the World's Children.

5.00 **World Figure Skating Championships.** Highlights of the Free Dance section of the Ice Dance championships.

6.00 **News** and weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** Among Terry Wogan's guests are Sam Harris, Cynthia Lennon, Peter Stringfellow and Kit Fraser.

7.40 **Odd One Out.** Six contestants have to discover which word, picture or piece of music is the odd one out. Presented by Paul Daniels.

8.10 **Starsky and Hutch.** The two policemen are called in to help a successful country and western singer who is receiving threatening telephone calls from a man who demands money for his part in helping the singer to the top of the tree (r).

9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville. Weather.

9.25 **Miss Marple: A Pocketful of Rye.** The second and final part of the dramatization of Agatha Christie's thriller, starring Joan Hickson as the elderly sleuth who, in this episode, learns of a second death and, putting two and two together, dashes off to Yew Tree Lodge to prevent a third poisoning (Ceefax).

10.20 **Olivier.** The third and final programme in the tribute to Laurence Olivier. The programme includes extracts from Olivier's work, and tributes from, among other, John Schlesinger (see Choice).

11.20 **Film: Cave In!** (1979). A made-for-television thriller about a group of people trapped in caverns in the Yellowstone National Park with an escaped convict and killer. Starring Denis Cole, Susan Sullivan and Ray Milland. Directed by Georg Fenady.

12.55 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by Anne Diamond and Andy Craig. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.20; Tony de Angeli discusses chemical vinegars at 7.15 and 9.03; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.15; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.40. The guest is Roy Marsden.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools:** the natural history of common things. 9.47 When electric light reached every home. 10.09 Finding and collecting things. 10.26 First year German. 10.48 Talking about the past. For the hearing impaired. 11.05 The art of the signwriter. 11.22 Play: A Game of Soldiers, written by Jan Needle and set in the Falklands. 11.39. Religious beliefs in China.

12.00 **Ice Skating: the World Figure Skating Championships** from Tokyo. The Free Programme of the Ice Dance competition.

1.00 **News at One** and weather. 1.20 **Thames news.** 1.30 **Film: The Hypnotist*** (1957) starring Roland Culver, Patricia Roc and William Hartnell. Thriller about a psychiatrist who uses his powers of hypnotism to convince the police that an innocent man is a murderer. Directed by Montgomery Tully.

3.00 **Gems.** More dramas in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion design company. 3.25 **Thames news** headlines. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Rainbow.** Learning with puppets (Oracle). 4.20 **The Moomins.** 4.25 **How Dare You!** Slapstick comedy series which, this week, involves the use of fireworks (Oracle). 4.50 **Freetime** with Mick Robertson and Kim Goody includes Wayne Llewellyn, an ace BMX rider from South London.

5.15 **Ice Skating: The World Figure Skating Championships.** Highlights of the Free Programme of the Ice Dance championship.

5.45 **News 6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show.**

7.00 **That's My Boy.** The last programme in the series of comedies starring Mollie Sugden as the possessive mother of an adult son (Oracle).

7.30 **The Practice.** Medical drama series set in a modern Northern health centre (Oracle).

8.00 **Dempsey and Makepeace: Blind Eye.** A young boy is snatched from his mother in a London park on the orders of an arch criminal who fears that the boy's father is to spill the beans about the criminal's involvement in a half a million pounds robbery. Dempsey and Makepeace are sent to investigate (Oracle).

9.00 **The Gentle Touch.** Detective Inspector Maggie Forbes has an eager new sergeant to contend with and a dead burglar. (r) (Oracle).

10.00 **News at Ten** and weather.

10.30 **The London Programme,** presented by John Taylor, who reports on the confusion among the gay community as it meets largely uninformed public reaction to the threat of Aids.

11.00 **South of Watford.** Ben Elton investigates the world of the professional party planner.

11.30 **Film: Soylent Green** (1973) starring Charlton Heston as a New York detective in the year 2022 who discovers a secret so deadly that anyone who knows it is not allowed to live. Directed by Richard Fleischer.

1.15 **Freeze Frame.** American singer, John Cougar, is interviewed.

1.40 **Night Thoughts.**



Elizabeth Sellars, Emily Moore: Channel 4, 3.00 pm.

● Bridget Winter's three-part profile **OLIVIER** ends tonight (BBC 1, 10.20pm) with more than one reminder that the seemingly impregnable actor is as susceptible to the slings and arrows as any mortal. Two assaults in particular, one physical and the other professional, would have written *finis* to a lesser man's life. But, neither singly nor combined, could his devastating illnesses and his shabby treatment at the hands of the National Theatre bring this theatrical leviathan to his knees. I have heard the odd complaint about Miss Winter's documentary that it has not painted a picture of Olivier's with warts an' all. That charge cannot be brought against tonight's finale. There are references to the actor's naughtily spiteful moods, to moments of envy, and to his not being very good at accents. Highlights tonight include Olivier's transition from tenor to bass (Othello) and the creation of his Shylock (a good story from Jonathan Miller about how he got Olivier to imitate Hitler).

CHOICE

● **SOHO** (BBC 2, 9.00pm), Imogen Sutton's film in the *Just Another Day* series, is about what reporter John Pitman apostrophizes as London's crooked square mile of sin and sex. Not that he spends much time tonight walking down the seamy side of the street. In fact, apart from a short interview with a pleasant university graduate turned stripper who cycles from exposure to exposure, there is little that is shocking except, perhaps, for the hand-made shoes that bring the maker £50 but end up in the shops with a £500 price tag. The only other thing that might take your breath away is the splitting asunder of a £100,000 Stradivarius violin by a man with a knife.

● Also recommended: **A TRUCE TO TERROR** (Radio 3, 9.30pm), the first of three investigations into the ups and downs of the United Nations, with Michael Charlton in characteristic vein i.e. not allowing his interviewee off the hook for a single second . . . . And **LE QUAI DES BRUMES** (BBC 2, 11.20pm), a memorably atmospheric curtain-raiser to BBC 2's season of Marcel Carné films, culminating in *Les enfants du paradis*.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University** Eighteenth century Bath. 6.55 Ethnology: Newts to Newborns. 7.20 Weekend Outlook. Ends at 7.25 **9.00 Ceefax.**

9.30 **Daytime on Two:** Science – electromagnetic spectrum. 9.52 Part seven of Fair Ground!' 10.15 Maths: graphs. 10.38 Science: the stars. 11.00 Natural textures and patterns. 11.22 Geography: the iron and Steel industry. 11.44 Coping with problems at work.

12.05 The capacities and uses of micros. 12.30 Safety first for the young motorcyclist. 12.55 David Bellamy with part seven of his series on the trees of Great Britain. 1.20 **Ceefax.** 1.38 Life in Scottish highland village a century ago. 2.00 How a news reporter puts a story together. 2.50 **Ceefax.**

4.15 **Monkey.** Adventures of a group of pilgrims (r).

5.00 **The Secret Garden.** Episode four of the seven-episode dramatisation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's novel and Mary at last meets her guardian, Uncle Archibald Craven (r) (Ceefax).

5.30 News summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.35 **Charlie Brown.** (r).

6.00 **Micro Live.** The last programme of the series and Lesley Judd investigates new applications for the laser disc.

6.50 **Phil Silvers as Sergeant Bilko*.** Fort Baxter is under investigation by a Congressional committee because of extravagance (r).

7.15 **ORS 85,** presented by Billy Bragg. There is live music in the studio from The Three Mustafas 3 and The Alarm; Janice Long's band to watch is Red Guitars; and Tears for Fear's Curt Smith escorts the cameras round his hometown of Bath.

8.05 **Nature.** This week's edition of the wildlife magazine programme includes reports on weevils: Golden Lion Tamarins: and radar.

8.35 **Gardeners' World** from Barnsdale. Geoff Hamilton plans a widerange of vegetables for this year's organic plots: and Tony Hender suggests new and well-tried hardy and half-hardy annuals.

9.00 **Just Another Day.** John Pitman spends a day talking to the denizens of London's Soho district. (see Choice).

9.30 **The New Pacific: Shadow of the Rising Sun.** The last programmme of the series examines the inventiveness of Japan and its attempt to be the first to develop the 'fifth generation' computer.

10.30 **Newsnight.** 11.15 Weather.

11.20 **Film: Le Quai des Brumes*** (1938) starring Jean Gabin and Michele Morgan. A season of Marcel Carne films begins with this thriller about an Army deserter, hoping to stow away on a ship from Le Havre, who meets a young women who is bullied by her sadistic 'protector'. French with English subtitles. Ends 12.55.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Master Bridge.** The sixth round of the individual bridge tournament in which players change partners after every round (r).

3.00 **Winter Sunlight.** Part one of the four-episode drama starring Elizabeth Sellars and the late Derek Francis as an elderly married couple. The wife, Dorothy, decides that the time has come to throw off the shackles put on her by years of marriage and announces that she is leaving her husband to make the most of her remaining years (r).

4.00 **Built in Britain.** The penultimate programme in the series on Britain's humbler architectural heritage comes from windswept Galloway (subtitled) (r).

4.25 **Countdown.**

5.00 **The Addams Family*.** The headmaster of the private school at which Wednesday and Pugsley are pupils has a nervous breakdown and resigns.

5.30 **The Tube** presented by Jools Holland and Paula Yates. Music in the studio from Dead or Alive, The Bluebells and Balaam and the Angel; on film, the Faith Brothers; on video, Alison Moyet and the Kane Gang. Plus, interviews with Little Richard; rock singing teacher, Tona de Brett; and Mel Smith and Jimmy Nail who talk about their new film, Morons from Outer Space.

7.00 **Channel Four News** and weather.

7.30 **Twenty/Twenty Vision: MI5's Official Secrets.** The once-banned programme dealing with the controversial issue of telephone tapping.

8.30 **What the Papers Say.** Max Hastings of the Standard reviews how the press has treated the week's news.

8.45 **A Right to Reply Special** on the broadcasting questions raised by Twenty/Twenty Vision's film, MI5's Official Secrets. Appearing on the programme are Claudia Milne and Roger Graef who will be questioning John Whitney, director-general of the IBA, on the role the authority played in the original banning of the programme.

9.30 **In Search of Paradise.** The penultimate programme of the series shows a variety of gardens of every scale – from Big Sur, the huge national park on California's coast to suburban gardens with their plastic gnomes (r).

10.00 **Cheers.** Sam faces the anger of a jealous husband when he asks Maxine for a date without realizing that she is married.

10.30 **Families.** The final programme of Mavis Nicholson's series.

11.15 **Film: Who's That Knocking at My Door?*** (1968) starring Harvey Keitel as a young man struggling to reconcile his Roman Catholic upbringing with the temptations of modern life in the shape of a female college student. Directed by Martin Scorsese.

1.00 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 **Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.**

6.30 **Today, incl 6.30.7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.50 Letters. 8.57 Weather; Travel.**

9.00 **News.**

9.05 **Desert Island Discs.** The castaway is the pianist Jorge Bolet (r)†

9.45 **Feedback.** Colin Semper airs listeners' comments.

10.00 **News; International Assignment.**

10.30 **Morning Story: The Kindness by Jill Norris. Reader: Shirley Dixon.**

10.45 **Daily service (New Every Morning, page 13).†**

11.00 **News; Travel; Married to Music. Lady Walton talks about her late husband, Sir William (r).†**

11.48 **A Suitcase and a Star. John Parkinson endures a flight to Australia.**

12.00 **News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs. With Pattie Coldwell.**

12.27 **Funny You Should Sing That. Jeremy Nicholas selects from 100 years of British comic song-writing. 12.55 Weather.**

1.00 **The World at One: News.**

1.40 **The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.**

2.00 **News; Woman's Hour. A special International Women's Day edition.**

3.00 **News; Cousin Bazillo by Eca De Quarto. Last of five episodes – Rescue (5).†**

4.00 **News; Going Places. Clive Jacobs presents the travel and transport programme.**

4.40 **Story Time: Miss Mole by E H Young (5). Reader: June Barrie.**

5.00 **PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.**

6.00 **The Six O'Clock News; incl Financial Report.**

6.30 **In One Ear. With Steve Brown, Helen Lederer, Clive Mantle and Nick Wilton.**

7.00 **News.**

7.00 **The Archers.**

7.20 **Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard with more extracts from BBC radio and television.†**

8.20 **Law in Action. Presented by Joshua Rozenberg.**

8.45 **Any Questions? from Bracknell, Berkshire. With Tony Benn, Ann Leslie, Cecil Parkinson, Kate Losinska and, as chairman, John Timpson.**

9.45 **Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on BBC2's In the Secret State. Comment, too, on The True Adventures of the Rolling Stones, by Stanley Booth; Jan Fabre's play The Power of Theatrical Madness, at the ICA; and Mick Jagger's record She's the Boss.**

10.15 **A Book at Bedtime: The Green Man by Kingsley Amis. Reader: Julian Glover. 10.28 Weather.**

10.30 **The World Tonight.**

11.00 **Today in Parliament.**

11.15 **The Financial World Tonight.**

11.30 **Week Ending. 12.00-12.15 News: Weather. 12.33 Shipping.**

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 11.00-12.00 Fro Schools. 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-12.00 Study on 4. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Radio History (11-14). 12.30Stalin and His Government. 12.50 Russia at War.



Brian Urquhart: on Radio 3 at 9.30pm.

Radio 3

5.55 **Weather. 7.00 News.**

7.05 **Morning Concert: Nicolai's overture Merry Wives of Windsor (Vienna PO); Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No 2 (Szidon, piano); Brahms's Symphony No 3 (Chicago SO under Reiner).† 8.00 News.**

8.05 **Morning Concert (contd): Blas Gallindo's Homenaje a Cervantes (Mexico State SO under Batiz); Barber's Violin Concerto (Stern/New York PO under Bernstein); Harris's Symphony No 3 (New York PO under Bernstein).† 9.00 News.**

9.05 **This Week's Composer: Shostakovich – the final years. Recordings of the Four Verses of Captain Lebyadkin, Op 146; and Viola Sonata, Op 147. (Druzhinin/Muntyan).†**

9.50 **Debussy: Susan McGaw (piano) plays the Preludes, Book 2.†**

10.30 **Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Adey). Malcolm Arnold's Sinfonietta No 1; Gareth Walters's Elegy for Strings; Grace Williams's Sea Sketches.†**

11.10 **Western and Chinese art songs: Liang Ning (mezzo) with Michael Dussek (piano). Schumann songs: Liederkreis, Op 39; Jiang Ding Zian's Kanding Love Song; Huang Zi's The Wishes of the Rose.†**

11.50 **BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Downes). With Milos Sadlo (cello). Martinu's Cello concerto No 1; Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra.† 1.00 News.**

1.05 **Beethoven: Alberni Quartet play the Quartet in C sharp minor, Op 131.†**

1.45 **Dartington Summer School 1984: Mitsuko Uchida (piano) plays Mozart's Sonata in B flat, K 333; and Schubert's Sonata in A minor, D 845.†**

2.45 **Tchaikovsky: LSO under Simon play the Festival Overture on the Danish National Anthem; Symphony No 2; and Fantasy-Overture Romeo and Juliet, 1869 version.†**

4.00 **Choral Evensong: from Portsmouth Cathedral: a live transmission.† 4.55 News.**

5.00 **Mainly for Pleasure: another of David Hoult's selections.†**

6.30 **Guitar music: William Waters plays Wills's Sonata; Sor's Gran solo, Op 14; Turina's Fantasia sevillana.†**

7.00 **A Sitwell Sequence: Music by Britten, poetry by Edith Sitwell. With Neil Mackie (tenor), Richard Watkins (horn), John Blakely (piano) and Peter Pears (reader). Works include the prologue: Where are the seeds of the Universal Fire; and the song We are the darkness in the heart of the day.†**

7.30 **BBC SO (under Boulez). Part one. Boulez's Rituel: in memoriam Bruno Maderna. From the Royal Festival Hall – live.†**

7.55 **Mirrors of Sickness and Health: a talk by Roy Porter. Third in a series of three. The Sexual Dilemma.**

8.15 **Concert: Stravinsky's Symphonies of wind instruments: Webern's Passacaglia, Op 1; Variations, Op 30; Berg's Three Pieces for Orchestra, Op 6.†**

9.30 **A Truce to Terror: Michael Charlton in the first of three conversations about the United Nations. Tonight, he talks to Brian Urquhart, Under Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs at the UN.**

10.15 **Telemann and his Godson: Recordings of Telemann's Quartet in G major; and two works by C P E Bach, the Concerto C minor, Wq 43 No 4, and the Concerto in G major, Wq 43 No 5.†**

11.00 **Beethoven Piano Sonatas: Alfred Brendel plays the F minor, Op 2 No 1; the E Flat major, Op 27 No 1; the C sharp minor, Op 27 No 2.†**

11.57 **News. Until 12.00.**

VHF ONLY: Open University. From 6.35 to 6.55am.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00 pm). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford † incl 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music all the Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† incl 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 Paul Heiney.† incl 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 8.00 Friday Night is Music Night. The singers are Michele Summers and and Michael Wakeham. Plus contributions from The Stephen Hill Singers † 9.15 The Organist Entertains.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Listen to Les. 10.30 Old Stagers (Ruth Etting). 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00am Peter Dickson.† 3.00 Big Band Special.† 3.30-4.00 String Sound.†

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Andy Peebles. 12.00pm Gary Davies incl 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-a-Disc. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable (from the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition). 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00am The Friday Rock Show (featuring Uli Roth and Scorched Earth).

WORLD SERVICE

8.00 Newsdesk. 7.09 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Out on the Floor. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Classical Guitar. 8.30 Foreign Correspondents. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Medicine in the Third World. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Short Takes. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programmes. 10.30 Business Matters. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 11.25 Ulster News Letter. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Bedtime Story. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Sarah and Company. 5.40 Book Choice. 5.00 World News. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Puckoon. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 The Elements of Music. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording of the Week. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Announcers Programmes. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 That's Trad 5.45 The World Today

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BBC 1 Wales: 12.57-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.00-5.35 World Figure Skating Championships. 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 World Figure Skating Championships. 10.20-11.20 Olivier. 12.55-1.00 News and weather. Scotland: 10.50am-12.30pm Conference 85 (Labour Party). 12.57-1.00 The Scottish News. 2.00-3.00 Conference 85. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 8.10-8.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 8.30-9.00 Steptoe and Son. Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00 Northern Ireland news. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland news. 5.00-5.30 World Figure Skating Championships. 5.30-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Grange Hill. 12.55-1.00 News and weather. England: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

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CENTRAL As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Cheaper by the Dozen (Clifton Webb). 6.00-7.00 News. 10.35 Film: National Health (Lynn Redgrave). 12.15 am Film: Carry on Dick (Sydney James). 1.45 Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Hart to Hart. 2.30-3.00 Look Who's Talking. 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.10 Soylent Green (Charlton Heston). 1.00 am Graham Kendrick Sings. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-3.00 Film: Nearest and Dearest (Hylda Baker). 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.20 Sportscast. 6.45-7.00 Advice with Anne Hailes. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 Spectrum. 11.05 Love Boat. 11.55 News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Short Walk to Daylight. Earthquake hits New York. 6.00 News. 6.02 What Would You Do? 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 The Practice. 7.30-8.00 Family Fortunes. 10.32 Straight Talk. 11.00 TX:45. 11.45 Riptide. 12.45 am Three's Company. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Planter's Wife' (Claudette Colbert). 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 10.30 Police Squad. 11.00 Rugby League. 11.55 Mannix. 12.50am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Short Walk to Daylight (James Brolin). 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 10.35 Ice Skating. 11.00 Film: Last Detail (Jack Nicholson). 12.45am Postscript. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-3.00 Film: Casanova's Big Night (Bob Hope). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 10.30 Weekend. 11.00 Rugby League. 11.55 Film: Corvini Inheritance. 1.20am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Short Walk to Daylight. 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 What's on Where. 10.35 Skating. 11.00 Film: Last Detail. 12.45am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Delphi Bureau Thriller. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Nature Trail. 10.30 Ten Thirty Special. 11.00 Rugby League. 11.55 Benson. 12.25am News, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Bomb at 10.10 (George Montgomery). 6.00 News 6.30-7.00 Good Neighbour Show. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 Nothing but the Best. 11.15 Kojak. 12.15am Portrait of a Legend. 12.45 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.22am-11.37 About Wales 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 Keeping up with the Joneses. 11.00-12.45am Film: Night Watch.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Country Practice. 2.30-3.00 On The Market. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Now You See It. 10.30 Ways and Means. 11.00 Radio Industries Club Awards. 11.45 Late Call. 11.50 Barney Miller. 12.20am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Nothing but the Best. 2.00-3.00 Falcon Crest. 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 10.30 Ice Hockey. 11.30 Streets of San Francisco. 12.30 am News. Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Strangers. 2.30-3.00 Arcade. 3.30-4.00 Pruitts of Southampton. 6.30-7.00 Vintage Quiz. 10.30 Film: Fright (Susan George). 12.10am Company, Closedown.

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Girl killed as Israelis bungle raid on village

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guerrilla then opened fire from behind a ridge 100 yard away, hitting one of the pro-Israeli gunmen, and the small village street became engulfed in shooting. Sources say an Irish army patrol arrived from their post in the village, shouting at the Israelis to stop firing. Both the Shin Bet men and their Lebanese allies were then seen running away as the villagers surged forward and set fire to their vehicles.

According to a UN spokesman, the Irish soldiers were later shown the body of a 16-year-old girl, Issaf Kourani, who had been shot dead with a single bullet. They also found three wounded women. The most seriously injured of these – with five bullet wounds – was put in an Irish army ambulance.

But outside the village, pro-Israeli Lebanese gunmen, with Israeli soldiers, blocked the passage of the ambulance for half an hour, during which time the gunmen fired bullets above and around the ambulance. Only after what the UN spokesman, Mr Timur Goksel, described as "a very strong protest to Israel" was it allowed to proceed to the UN's field hospital at Naqqoura.

There was a confrontation between the Irish and a pro-Israeli unit at daybreak yesterday, when Irish troops refused to permit Mr Ali Khalil, a well known and armed official of the militias, to pass through their post into Yatar.

At one point, a mortar was positioned in the direction of the Irish. One of the gunmen told me later: "Those blue pigeons (the Irish) are making life difficult for us." Looking up at Yatar, he added: "We are the collaborators. They are the resistance up there. They are givig us a hard time. They are killing us."

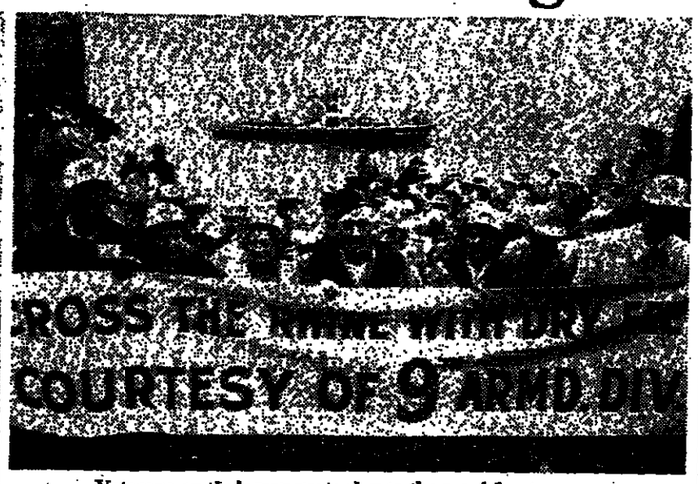
Nine journalists detained by the Army on Wednesday have been released after the Israelis repeated that correspondents living in Lebanon were not allowed to work in their occupation zone.

● BEIRUT: Israeli soldiers arrested another five journalists yesterday, then ordered all of them, including two who live in the area, to leave the occupied zone (AP reports).

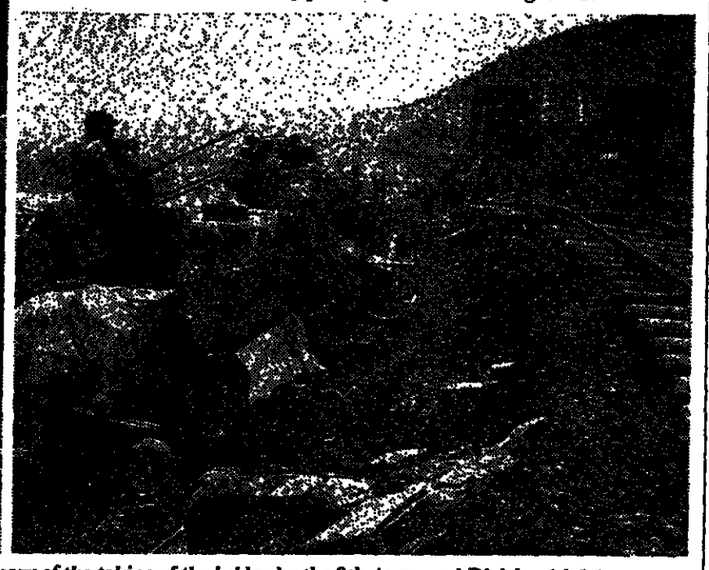
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Veterans gather for reunion at Remagen





Veterans on their way yesterday to the surviving towers



Remembering: US soldiers carry standards (left) at the 40th anniversary of the taking of the bridge by the 9th Armoured Division (right).

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Some 400 German, American and Belgian veterans gathered for a remembrance ceremony yesterday beside twin black stone stumps on either side of the Rhine, all that remains of the bridge at Remagen.

Its unexpected capture intact on March 7, 1945 by advancing US troops allowed Allied forces to pour across the Rhine, significantly hastening the German collapse.

It was an emotional occasion for the veterans of the US 9th Armoured Division and for the German defenders.

A wreath was laid and a memorial tablet unveiled in the presence of Herr Hans-Peter Kurten, the Mayor of Remagen; Herr Peter Würzbach, the State Secretary in the Defence Ministry; Mr William Woessner, the deputy American ambassador, and Colonel Leonhard Engemann who had led the assault.

The German High Command made desperate attempts to destroy the structure, even firing a V2 rocket at it. But the Americans were able to send 25,000 combat troops over the 1,000ft-long box girder bridge before it collapsed 10 days later under the weight of the tanks and armour, dragging 28 American soldiers to their deaths.

Surrogacy ban expected before Easter

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The Government is to introduce a Bill before Easter to ban commercial surrogate motherhood agencies, Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, announced yesterday.

The Bill will make it illegal for commercial agencies to recruit surrogate mothers or make surrogacy arrangements and will prohibit agencies and individuals from advertising surrogacy services. Penalties for contravention will include imprisonment.

The Bill will not make it illegal for a woman personally to charge for having a baby for somebody else, the Department of Health said. But she would be prohibited from advertising for customers.

Mr Fowler said the Bill would not "resolve all the issues in the field of surrogacy". They would have to be left to legislation on the Warnock report.

Mrs Cotton said last night that she was very sorry about the proposed Bill. Surrogacy was the last resort for childless couples.

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Letter from Sizewell

Longest inquiry ends as it began

The Sizewell B public inquiry ended its record-breaking run yesterday as it had started.

The dramatic setting at The Maltings concert hall at Snape was shrouded in mist as it had been on the opening day on January 11, 1983. The differences remained and each side was as convinced as ever of its case.

The anti-nuclear lobbyists remained as forceful and as colourful as at the start with their banners, their songs and their skeleton costumes. The Central Electricity Generating Board's staff were as firm as ever in the resolve to present their tonnes of statistical evidence.

Yet the two sides have stayed friendly, sharing the same pub at lunchtime, the only other one near by having banned the "antis" in the early stages of the inquiry for their long hair and, in many cases, bare feet, and the board's staff having shown "solidarity" with the antis in refusing to use it either.

Sir Walter Marshall, the board's chairman, declared yesterday: "I said at the beginning of the inquiry that our case was strong and now, after it has undergone a long and detailed examination, I am convinced that the case is stronger than ever."

He admitted that at the start he had been prepared to resign if the board's case on the safety of the pressurized water reactor had been disproved.

He said that for many people the safety of the PWR was at the heart of the argument. The inquiry had in fact spent more time on safety, 130 days, than on any other subject.

Sir Walter added yesterday that politicians could not be expected to know all the detailed scientific evidence. He said: "As a scientist, that is my responsibility and the evidence has supported our case. I think I have proved the point and I think I am safe from having to resign."

But the question to which everyone at Sizewell yesterday was anxious to know the answer was: what will happen if the inquiry rejects the board's case?

The Friends of the Earth and the Ecology Party suggested yesterday that if their expensive campaign against the board's proposal was ignored they might in future view the public inquiry system in a different light.

Mr Tony Jones of the Ecology Party added: "In future we will have to consider the alternatives, including non-violent civil disobedience."

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament put forward the view yesterday that the CEGB, with its enormous cash resources – it paid the inquiry's £15 million bill – was able to use the inquiry system to its advantage.

The inquiry has provided its own impressive list of statistics. It lasted for 340 days spanning more than two years, compared with the 258 days of the previous longest public inquiry, into London's third airport.

Sixteen million words have been recorded so far in the transcript of evidence, 24 times as long as *War and Peace*. More than 11 million sheets of foolscap paper were submitted in evidence, weighing 55 tonnes.

More than 55,000 documents were submitted and more than 200 witnesses gave evidence in The Snape concert hall, watched on most days by a handful of people or fewer.

Sir Walter yesterday agreed that the public inquiry system could do with an overhaul.

David Young

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, President The Prince's Trust, visits Byford and East Youth Training Scheme, Building 220, Heathrow Airport North, 10.15; and later opens Slough Information Technology Centre, Rank Xerox, 5/7 Coindale Rd, Toyle Trading Estate, Colnbrook, Slough, 11.15; he then visits ICI Research Station, Plant Protection Division, Healotts Hill Research Station, Bracknell, 1.40; and later visits Bracknell College of Further Education, Church Road, 2.45.

The Duke of Gloucester visits Sir Andrew Murray House, Strathclyde, 10.

New exhibition

Pencils of Light by Roger Fenton, Impressions Gallery of Photography, 17 Colliergate, York, Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends April 6).

Last chance to see

Handmade wood items and animal carvings by Ron Davidson; and paintings and woodware by Christine Ironside: Harbour Arts Centre, Irving, Strathclyde: 7 to 11.

Contemporary Chinese calligraphy by Prof Tung; Edinburgh College of Art, Laurision Place, Sculpture Court: 10 to 5.

Music

Concert by Cornelius Cardew's Music; Phoenix Arts, Leicester, 7.30.

Guitar recital by Angel Romero; The Winter Garden, Eastbourne, 1.

City County in Concert: Berlin State Symphony Orchestra; Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Scottish Philharmonic Singers; Ayr Town Hall, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra; Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; Wyvern Theatre, Swindon, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Baroque Ensemble; Mitchell Hall, Aberdeen, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Halley's Comet, by Dr David W. Hughes; Pump Room, Bath, 7.30.

African wildlife safari, with slides by photographer, William Paton; Walker Hall, South Beach, Troon, 7.45.

General

East Anglia Spring Antiques Fair; The Athenaeum, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, 11 to 8, tomorrow 10.30 to 5.

Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition; Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Rd, London, 10 to 8 daily (ends March 31).

Anniversaries

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach was born at Weimar, Germany, 1714.

Deaths: **Sir William Chambers**, architect (Somerset House), London, 1796; **Hector Berlioz**, Paris, 1869; **Millard Fillmore**, 13th president of the USA 1850-53, Buffalo, New York, 1874.

Taxonomy

The third edition of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, published last month, has been extensively revised for the first time since 1964. The code collects the agreed rules and recommendations by which all those whose work involves animals (including fossil animals) "ensure clarity and unambiguity in all references to their subject", and has its counterparts in other branches of biology such as botany. The code is published in English and French on facing pages with separate glossaries and indexes. Details from the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Rd, London SW7 5BD.

The papers

The Daily Mail says: "It is an extraordinary situation that this Government, which is seeking to keep the rates down by capping the spending of profligate local authorities, is reduced to a state of near abject apology about it." It adds: "This is the measure of the failure of Mr Patrick Jenkin in putting across the Tory case."

The Daily Mirror says: "When one of our most famous hospitals, Guys, relies on a millionaire's charity to keep open its heart unit, then the National Health Service is in desperate trouble." It adds that the NHS was once an "example to the world, the flagship of the welfare state. But Mrs Thatcher's savage cuts have torpedoed it".

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on private Member's motion on planning procedures for the disposal of nuclear waste.

Food prices

As spring gets under way shoppers bored with their winter diet should take a good look at greengrocers' shelves for new ideas. Besides the grand display of apples, pears and oranges there is a wonderful choice of exotic fruit. Paw paws 70p-£1.30 a lb, passion fruit 15-20p each, Kiwi 20-30p and mangoes 80p-£1.40 according to size. Bananas at 42-55p a lb are good, although dearer, due to the strength of the dollar. Blood oranges, renamed ruby reds, are widely available at 8-15p each. English, Dutch and Belgian Conference and Comice pears at 25-48p a lb, and Cape Williams at 40-50p are joined by Anjou from the US at 40-48p a lb.

Mushrooms range from 40-70p a half lb depending on size. Onions 15-24p a lb, home grown white potatoes 8-10p, English and Dutch red and white cabbage 20-28p and leeks 40-50p are best value vegetables. Good salad ingredients are celery at 35-55p a lb, Chinese leaves 45-50p, iceberg lettuce 50-80p a head and green and red peppers 50-90p a lb.

There is a slight improvement in the supplies of flat fish with the first imports of quality Plaice from Denmark since the big freeze up. Cod fillets £1.30-£1.55 a lb, cod cutlets £1.40 a lb, haddock fillets £1.60, small dover sole £1.90-£2.20, monkfish £2.40-£2.60, scollops 40-58p each, crabs from £1.50 and prawns with shells £1.80 a lb.

There should be some good meat buys this week as a survey of retail prices by the Meat and Livestock Commission show a penny or two a pound off many popular cuts. Beef and pork are on promotion in many shops and supermarkets. Dewhurst has spare rib chops for 99p a lb, gammon joints at £1.49 and half legs of pork ranging from 79-89p a lb according to locality. New season New Zealand lamb is up a penny on all cuts except shoulder. Leg ranges from £1.35 to £1.60 and loin chops £1.24-£1.62. Some promotional offers this week are: Tesco New Zealand shoulder of lamb at 69p a lb and British boneless pork chump chops £1.48 a lb; Sainsbury rib roast of beef £1.64 a lb; Fine Fair New Zealand lamb loin chops £1.28 and beef mince 98p a lb. Bejams 3lb packs of pork chops £1.09 a lb and 3lb packs of mince beef 79p a lb; Baxters home produced pork shoulder 69p a lb.

Top films

The top box-office films in London:

1	(–)	Dance With a Stranger
2	(2)	Brazil
3	(–)	City Heat
4	(1)	Beverly Hills Cop
5	(4)	Amadeus
6	(3)	The Shooting Party
7	(5)	The Killing Fields
8	(6)	A Private Function
9	(9)	Irreconcileable Differences
10	(10)	Heimat

The top films in the provinces:

1 Beverly Hills Cop
2 A Private Function
3 Killing Fields
4 Ghosts Busters
5 Sword in the Stone

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Top video rentals

1	(1)	Police Academy
2	(2)	Trading Places
3	(3)	The Evil That Men Do
4	(4)	Cannonball Run II
5	(5)	Against All Odds
6	(9)	Firestarter
7	(10)	Videodrome
8	(6)	Scarface
9	(7)	Supergirl
10	(11)	Sudden Impact

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Roads

Wales and West: A31: Delays and diversions between Ringwood and Ferndown Rd Trickets Cross. A30: Temporary traffic lights on the Launceston to Exeter Rd at Lobhill due to roadworks; also at Stickle-path. M4: Lane restrictions between junctions 32 (Cardiff) and 34 (Rhondda); lane closures in both directions.

The North: A691/A692: Roadworks on the Leadgate by-pass, co Durham. Roadworks between Leeming Bar and Boroughbridge S of Orchard cafe to Pickhill Lane End. A58 Wigan Rd: Road closed at Westoughton, Bolton, from the junction with Southfield Drive.

Scotland: A94: Single line traffic with lights between Forfar and Brechin. A977: Single line traffic N of Forest Mill. A91: Single line traffic control between Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo, Fife.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.50	1.52
Austria Sch	26.30	26.70
Belgium Fr	75.30	71.80
Canada $	1.56	1.48
Denmark Kr	13.45	12.80
Finland Mrk	7.82	7.42
France Fr	11.40	10.90
Germany DM	3.74	3.56
Greece Dr	159.00	148.00
Hong Kong $	8.70	8.10
Ireland Pt	1.213	1.153
Italy Lira	2330.00	2220.00
Japan Yen	282.00	276.00
Netherlands Gld	4.235	4.035
Norway Kr	10.74	10.24
Portugal Esc	202.00	192.00
South Africa Rd	2.65	2.20
Spain Pta	204.50	194.50
Sweden Kr	10.63	10.13
Switzerland Fr	3.18	3.04
USA $	1.105	1.056
Yugoslavia Dnr	294.00	278.00

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London: The FT index closed down 2.8 at 987.6.

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Weather forecast

Troughs of low pressure will cross districts from the West while a ridge of high pressure covers much of England and Wales:

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, central N England, East Anglia, Midlands. Dense fog patches clearing, dry, sunny periods developing; wind variable light; Max temp 11c (52F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Fog patches at first, dry, sunny periods developing; wind variable light; max temp 11c (52F).

N Wales, NW, NE England: Rather cloudy, rain in places later; wind S light; max temp 10c (50F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy, rain or drizzle at times; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp 10c (50F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Rather cloudy, a little rain at times; wind S to SW moderate or fresh or strong; max temp 9c (48F).

Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle; wind S to SW fresh or strong; max temp 9c (48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Rain in the NW spreading SE across all districts later; mild but becoming cooler later.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind variable light or moderate, fair; visibility good; sea slight. **St George's Channel:** Wind light to moderate, fair; visibility good; sea slight. **Irish Sea:** Wind S moderate or fresh; fair; visibility moderate or good; sea slight to moderate.

Sun rises: 6.31 am Sun sets: 5.53 pm

Moon sets: 7.26 am Moon rises: 7.58 pm

Last quarter: March 13.

Lighting-up time

London 5.28 pm to 5.58 am
Bristol 5.33 pm to 6.08 am
Edinburgh 5.32 pm to 6.14 am
Manchester 5.30 pm to 6.08 am
Penzance 5.46 pm to 6.19 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	s	8	46	Guernsey	c	7	45
Birmingham	r	8	46	Inverness	s	10	50
Blackpool	c	6	43	Jersey	r	7	45
Bristol	c	9	48	London	c	9	48
Cardiff	c	9	48	Manchester	c	9	48
Edinburgh	s	10	50	Newcastle	s	10	50
Glasgow	s	9	48	Ronaldsway	s	9	46

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 71 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1028.7 millibars rising.
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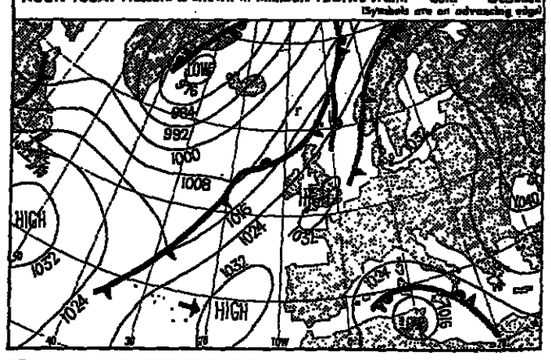
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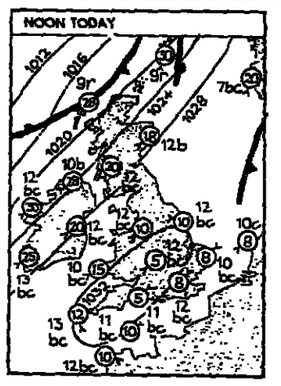
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High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.34	7.4	3.00	7.7
Aberdeen	2.04	4.4	2.08	4.6
Avonmouth	8.09	14.1	8.32	14.1
Belfast	11.47	3.8		
Cardiff	7.51	13.0	8.17	13.0
Devonport	6.56	5.9	7.18	5.7
Dover	11.47	5.7		
Falmouth	6.20	5.7	6.48	5.5
Glasgow	1.40	4.8	1.45	5.0
Harwich	12.26	3.9	12.55	4.1
Holyhead	11.05	6.0	11.29	5.8
Hull	7.10	7.8	7.15	8.1
Ilfracombe	6.52	9.8	7.16	9.7
Leith	3.17	5.7	3.35	5.9
Liverpool			12.08	18.8
Lowestoft	10.35	2.4	10.58	2.6
Margate	12.35	4.8	1.10	4.8
Milford Haven	7.08	7.5	7.28	7.4
Newquay	5.56	7.5	6.16	7.5
Oban	6.31	4.4	7.04	4.2
Penzance	5.48	6.0	6.19	5.8
Portland	7.49	2.5	8.34	2.3
Portsmouth	12.02	4.9	12.16	4.8
Shoreham			12.06	6.5
Southampton	11.42	4.8		
Swansea	7.12	10.1	7.34	10.1
Tees	4.28	5.6	4.38	5.8
Walton-on-Naze	12.1	4.3	12.48	4.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.6	.07	10	50	Sunny pm
Bridlington	0.4	.05	9	48	Cloudy
Cromer	–	–	9	48	Dull
Lowestoft	–	.04	6	43	Rain
Clacton	–	.01	6	43	Cloudy
Margate	–	–	9	48	Cloudy
Folkestone	–	–	6	43	Cloudy
Hastings	2.9	–	8	46	Sunny pm
Eastbourne	4.2	–	9	48	Sunny pm
Brighton	–	–	8	46	Sunny pm
Worthing	3.0	–	9	48	Cloudy pm,
Littlehmptn					
Bognor R	2.0	.01	8	46	Cloudy
Southsea	1.8	.07	9	48	Cloudy
Sandown	1.3	.04	10	50	Cloudy
Shanklin	1.5	.04	10	50	Cloudy
Bournemth	0.5	–	9	48	Cloudy
Poole	–	.13	9	48	Cloudy
Swanage	–	.18	9	48	Rain am
Weymouth	–	.20	8	46	Dull
Exmouth	–	.49	10	50	Rain am
Teignmouth					
Torquay	0.2	.49	10	50	Rain am
Falmouth	8.5	.02	11	52	Sunny
Penzance	8.5	.02	11	52	Sunny
Jersey	–	.02	9	48	Rain am
Guernsey	–	.09	9	48	Cloudy
Scilly Isles	9.8	.48	12	54	Sunny
Ilfracombe	4.5	.38	11	52	Bright
Torquay	7.2	.29	11	52	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	5.2	.09	8	46	Sunny pm
Southport	3.1	.08	10	50	Bright pm
Morecambe	3.5	.05	10	50	Bright
Douglas	9.3	.03	10	50	Sunny
London (Clrl)	–	.01	11	52	Cloudy
B'hm (Airpt)	–	.20	9	48	Rain
Bristol (Clrl)	–	.09	10	50	Rain
Cardiff (Clrl)	0.1	.44	9	48	Rain am
Anglesey	8.2	.09	10	50	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	3.0	.06	8	46	Bright
Manchester	0.1	.17	10	50	Cloudy
Nottingham	–	.14	9	48	Rain am
N'cstle-n-Tyne	7.2	.02	12	54	Sunny
Carlisle	9.4	–	12	54	Sunny
Eskdalemuir	9.4	.23	11	52	Sunny
Prestwick	8.9	.06	10	50	Sunny
Glasgow	8.7	.03	11	52	Sunny
Tiree	6.0	.01	10	50	Sunny
Stornoway	7.5	.11	9	48	Sunny
Lerwick	1.7	.02	9	48	Rain
Wick	7.8	–	10	50	Sunny
Kinloss	8.5	–	11	52	Sunny
Aberdeen	6.6	–	11	52	Sunny
St. Andrews	9.2	.02	11	52	Sunny
Edinburgh	8.8	–	11	52	Sunny
Belfast	9.0	.02	10	50	Sunny

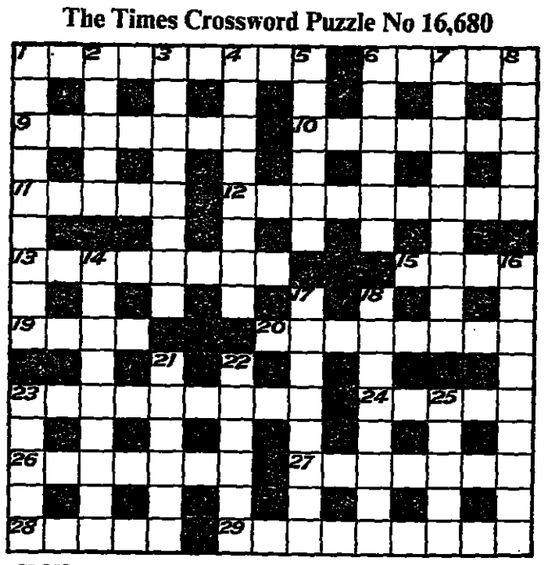
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	c	15	59	Cologne	c	5	41	Majorca*	f	15	59	Rome	c	18	61
Akrotiri	s	17	63	Copenhgn	sl	2	36	Malaga*	s	17	63	Salzburg	c	4	39
Alexandria	f	19	66	Corfu	s	17	63	Malta	c	17	63	Sao Paulo*	c	23	73
Algiers	f	18	55	Dublin	s	9	48	Melbourne	s	22	72	S Francisco*	r	7	45
Amsterdam	c	3	37	Dubrovnik	s	17	63	Mexico C*	f	17	63	Santiago*	s	28	79
Athens	s	14	57	Faro	s	15	59	Miami*	f	29	79	Seoul	c	6	43
Bahrain	c	19	66	Florence	f	15	59	Milan	r	7	45	Singapore	s	31	79
Barbados*	f	27	81	Frankfurt	c	7	45	Montreal*	s	-9	16	Stockholm	sn	1	30
Barcelona*	s	13	55	Funchal	c	16	61	Moscow	s	-8	21	Strasbourg	c	6	43
Beirut	s	18	61	Geneva	r	1	34	Munich	c	3	37	Sydney	d	17	63
Belgrade	s	10	50	Gibraltar	s	16	61	Nairobi				Tangier	s	16	61
Berlin	c	5	41	Helsinki	c	-3	27	Naples	f	17	63	Tel Aviv	s	17	63
Bermuda*	s	22	72	Hong Kong	c	21	70	New Delhi	s	28	82	Tenerife*	f	18	64
Biarritz	f	11	52	Innsbruck	f	7	45	New York*	s	1	34	Tokyo	f	10	50
Bologna	s	8	46	Istanbul	c	6	43	Nice	r	12	54	Toronto*	s	-5	23
Bordeaux	s	11	52	Jiddah	s	27	81	Oslo	c	1	34	Tunis	f	14	57
Brussels	fg	2	36	Jo'burg*	c	26	79	Paris	c	3	37	Valencia*	s	14	57
Budapest	s	8	46	Karachi*	s	22	72	Peking	f	1	34	Vancouver*	c	-5	41
Buen Aires	th	23	73	Las Palmas	f	20	68	Perth	s	25	77	Venice	c	13	55
Cairo	s	19	66	Lisbon	f	14	57	Prague	c	2	36	Vienna	c	3	37
Cape Tn*	s	25	77	Locarno	r	3	37	Reykjavik	r	4	39	Warsaw	c	2	36
Casablanca	s	15	59	Los Angeles*	s	12	54	Rhodes	f	18	64	Washington*	s	4	41
Chicago*	s	1	34	Luxemburg	c	4	39	Riyadh	c	27	81	Wellington			
Ch'church				Madrid*	s	8	46	Rio de Jan	c	26	79	Zurich	s	5	41

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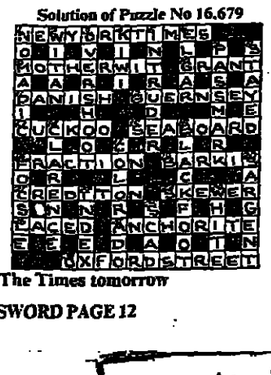
ACROSS

1 No common clay, this element (9).
6 Watery-eyed listener to lawman (5).
9 Does this carry gale warnings too? (7).
10 Coming down, was Camptown jockey put off it? (7).
11 Rest left to the end for support (5).
12 Time-honour'd aircraft? (9).
13 Eg slack row inspired by miners (4-4).
15 How to deal with present strike by women (4).
19 Gain by Labour (4).
20 Spots the trouble – mainly pathological, not well internally (8).
23 Short measure alternative condenser (9).
24 Rejected a benefit for the huntress (5).
26 Much booed player of football team at home (7).
27 Decline grievous to the reactionary (7).
28 Eat small amount – it makes sense (5).
29 Addison's organ not the subject of disease? (9).

DOWN

1 Arcane sort of cheer about what is dear in France (9).
2 Nurse treated such old characters (5).
3 Sweep-shots in which England's opening pair failed badly (8).
4 To go into the country, trick is to make interior rail-change (8).
5 Using camouflage, I have row in Dad's Army (6).
6 This sea-area is cold in sound (6).
7 Sort of roll (A-E, etc) (9).
8 Moving arm up and down (5).
14 Prominent Greek feature line in a Scorpio, perhaps (9).
16 Pair admitting Hieland trick in court (9).
17 Food in cans? (8).
18 Like a good monk, taking to Bede in translation (8).
21 Be economical with pickle (6).
22 Chemistry in schools has a bad reputation (6).
23 Long for county check (5).
25 Sailors' stop in Java Strait (5).

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